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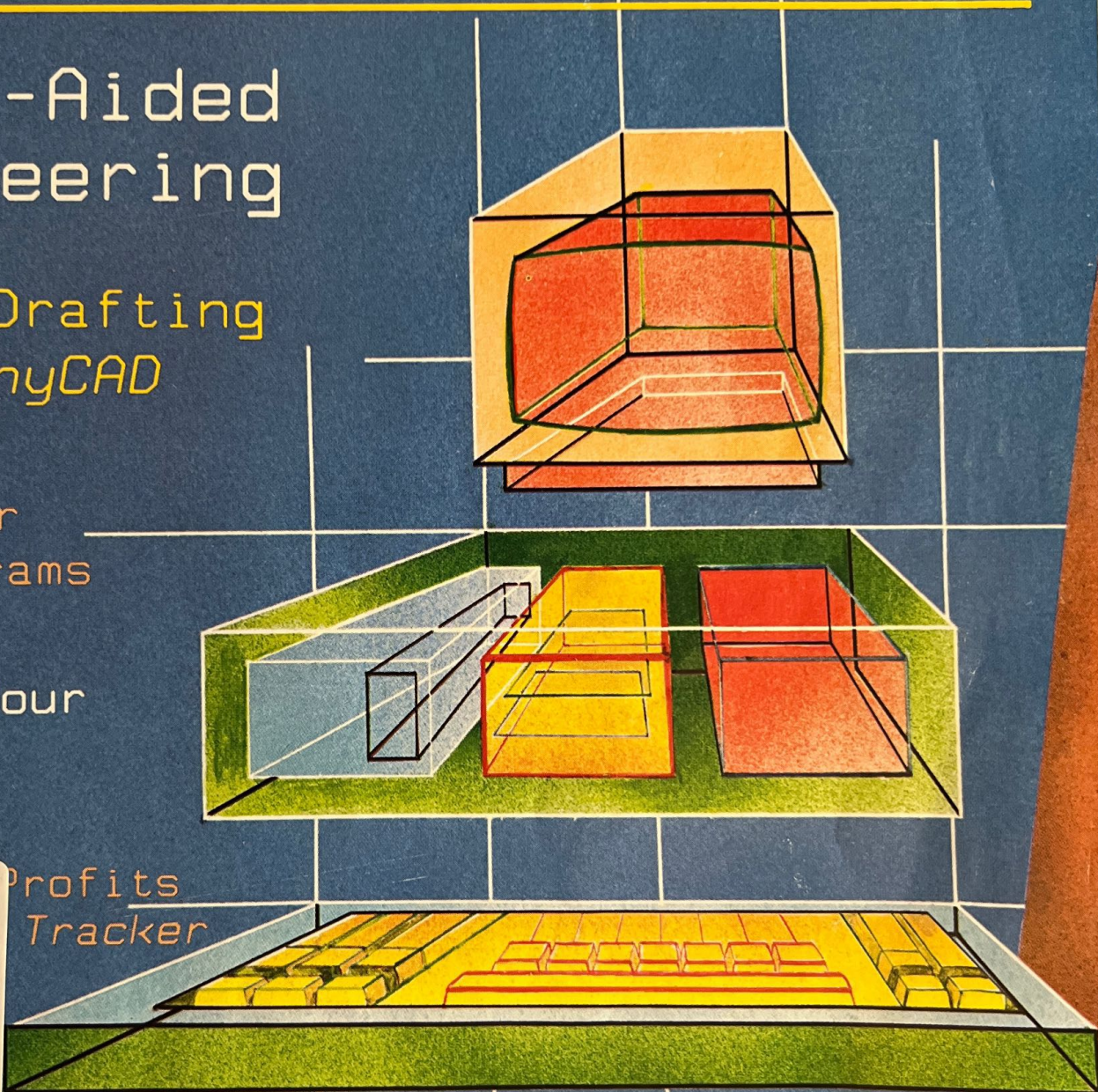
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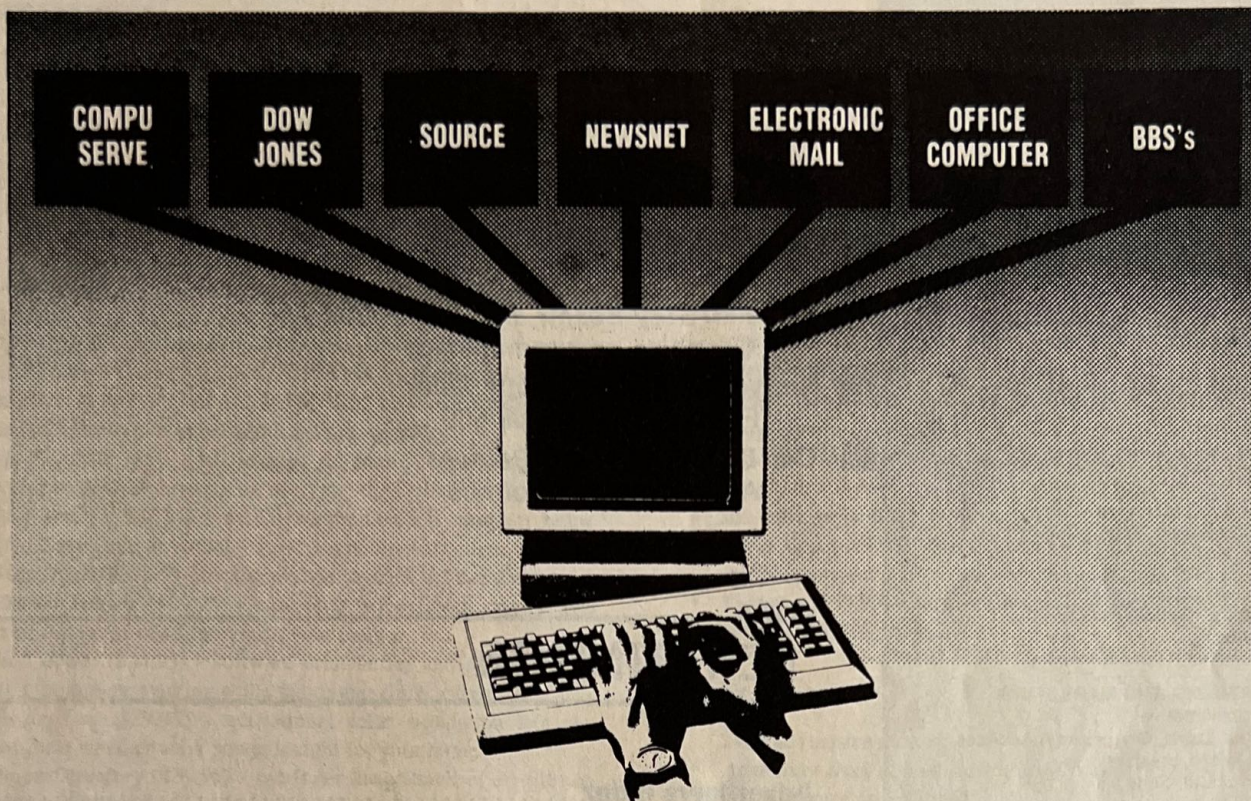
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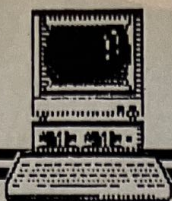
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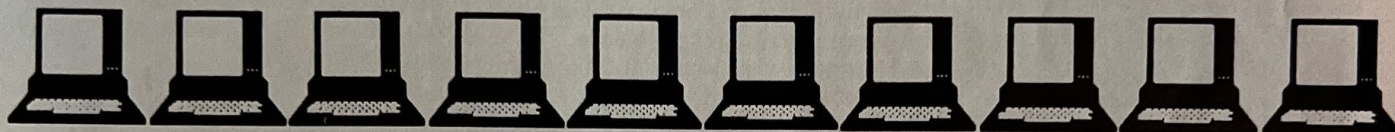
The something that's here is *TinyCAD*, which you'll find on Page 20. It is a very nice computer-aided drafting package for the Sanyo 550 that was written by an experienced draftsman for his own use. Ron Smith is a consulting mechanical designer at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and he has obviously put lots of effort into this program. *TinyCAD* has some features that I've only seen in some very expensive CAD packages for PC compatibles, and a zoom capability that

must be seen to be believed. Engineers these days are going wild over CAD systems costing \$10,000 and up — way up. *TinyCAD* could very well be an answer to the drafting needs of a number of people whose work involves fairly simple drawings.

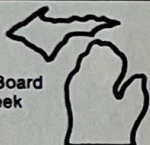
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On a final note, somebody is leaving **SOFT SECTOR**. Monica Dorth, who has been involved with this publication almost since its inception, is leaving us. As reviews editor, Monica has built up a "fleet" of reviewers that has helped us — and our readers — immensely. Monica has been a real credit to the Patrol; she will be missed.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Memory Upgrade Hints

*Editor:*

I am writing to thank Bob Jack for yet another excellent article, "Piggybacking" (April 1986, Page 20). I would like to suggest some do's and don'ts that your readers may need to know to avoid problems when installing the upgrade.

- Do test all the chips in the expansion RAM sockets before soldering a stack together. I had two bad chips, one on each layer; this disabled the expansion beyond 256K for two combinations of CAS.

- Don't use wirewrap wire for the Pin 15 interconnections! It is great for on-board jumpers where there is little stress, but the hanging leads and the unexpected debugging caused several breaks which gave me fits.

- Don't use stranded wire, because those pesky stray strands lead to erroneous and inconsistent interconnections. I would recommend #26 insulated solid wire.

- A neat way to pull up the various lines is with a resistor pack which can be glued right on top of, or near, the 74LS138. All leads are then short and neat. The +5V source is available on Pin 6; the other signals are at 7, 9, 10 and 11. The resistor pack leads are good tie points for the signals to Pin 15 on the expansion RAM chips.

- Remember to install the power supply modification *before* doing any memory expansion at all. It should be tested with the original configuration so that the question of an inadequate +5V supply doesn't confuse the issue of whether the memory expansion works.

- Very carefully re-mate all connectors before applying power after the modifications. It is possible to do some serious damage if this precaution is not observed.

- Do seriously consider adding a defeat switch to disable the expanded memory!

Some programs will not work with the added RAM or with modified versions of MS-DOS. I chose to connect an SPST switch between Pin 11 of the 74LS128 and the 1K pullup resistor; the resistor must remain connected to Pin 15 of the memory chips at all times.

Keep up the good work!

Joe Sartori  
Mission Viejo, CA

## SSOD with GW-BASIC

*Editor:*

Many of the files on *SOFT SECTOR ON DISK* ending in .BAS will not run using the Video RAM Board and GW-BASIC. What am I doing wrong?

Henry Herman  
Woodstock, GA

*Editor's Note: Most of the programs in SOFT SECTOR and on the disk are intended for use with the standard Sanyo 550 series machines, and are not intended to be used with the Video RAM Board.*

## Invading the Public Domain

*Editor:*

I'm fairly new to computing and am obtaining a lot of public domain software over the telephone lines, which brings me to the purpose of this letter. I would like to suggest a public domain department as a monthly addition to *SOFT SECTOR*; it could review software, sources, bulletin boards and other topics. A lot of the software I download is squeezed or archived with programs I don't understand. A large portion of it comes without documentation, leaving users like me unable to understand its use. I feel that a column on the public-domain world would be most helpful to me and many of your readers.

George Patterson  
Salem, OR



*Editor's Note: Our monthly Delphi Bureau column frequently discusses public domain software that can be downloaded from Delphi's MS-DOS SIG.*

### Keyboard Extension Revisited

*Editor:*

I find that the keyboard cord for the Sanyo is like a stiff neck (no maneuverability), so it was to some delight that I read John Kelty's "Make Your Own Keyboard Extension Cable" (May '85, Page 87). I made a couple of changes, though, in that I used a 6-foot cable with 5-pin DIN plugs at each end (Radio Shack catalog number 42-2151) and a 5-pin inline DIN socket (274-006). These two items total \$6.48 (U.S. prices). One of the plugs was removed and replaced by the inline socket, and after managing to mix up the wires I got it working in about half an hour.

Ed Howell  
Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia

### MS-DOS 2.11 with 160K Drives

*Editor:*

As an owner of an MBC-555 with single-sided disk drives, I turn green with envy and burn with frustration when I see that many of the programs in your grand magazine will run only with MS-DOS 2.11. Is there any way I can overcome this problem? The Sanyo agent here tells me that I can't run MS-DOS 2.11 on my single-sided system.

Neale R. Towers  
Hamilton, New Zealand

*Editor's Note: If you don't want to install double-sided disk drives, you can format an MS-DOS 2.11 system disk that will run on a single-sided machine. Boot DOS 2.11 on a Sanyo 555 with double-sided drives, place a blank disk in Drive B and type the command `FORMAT B: /1 /S`. This will format the diskette on one side only and copy the system to it. The resulting DOS 2.11 system disk should work fine on a single-sided Sanyo 550, but*

*remember to add the /1 to the `FORMAT` command when formatting diskettes under 2.11.*

### PC BASIC Conversion Hints

*Editor:*

Regarding the article "Sanyo BASIC to PC BASIC Converter" (April 1986, Page 10), I would like to add my two cents worth to improve an already useful program. I suggest the following changes:

- Delete line 100.
- Add this line: `145 BYTES = LOF(1)/128`
- Change `BYTES/128` to `BYTES` in lines 150 and 200.

This will automatically calculate the file size of each program you convert.

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### Coincidences

*Editor:*

If possible, could you please publish a program which is able to make the keyboard a synthesizer, and some sort of memory which remembers the notes pressed?

J. Bowtell-Harris  
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*Editor's Note: It just so happens that we have such a program in this issue! Check out "Sanyo Synthesizer" on Page 50.*

### InfoStar Patch

*Editor:*

A small law journal that I am connected with requires regular and extensive mailings to prospective authors. Some of the correspondence consists of first-contact form letters, some of personal inquiries or responses. Until this year, letters, names and addresses collected by previous staffs had collected in various files and boxes and paper bags, and the utility of all this information had declined gradually to near nothing.

This year, we began to enter this stuff into a file using the *InfoStar* software and MS-DOS 2.11 that came with my MBC-555, and I wrote a set of reports and \*.BAT routines that protect against duplicate entries, automatically update known addresses from a permanent file, format address data for *MailMerge*, etc.

Everything was working fine until this week, when the system suddenly began refusing to read data file output that had been indexed using *FormSort*; *ReportStar* would give an "Error #16" message, claiming that either the key length was wrong, or the \*.NDX file not properly terminated. This was a serious problem, since the system goes through this process a dozen times in some of the \*.BAT routines.

Several hours of tampering revealed only very awkward ways to getting around the problem. In exasperation, I called MicroPro in San Rafael. The *InfoStar* support department answered my question without a moment's hesitation. The patch to solve the problem turned out to be simple. If it is not common knowledge, it should be:

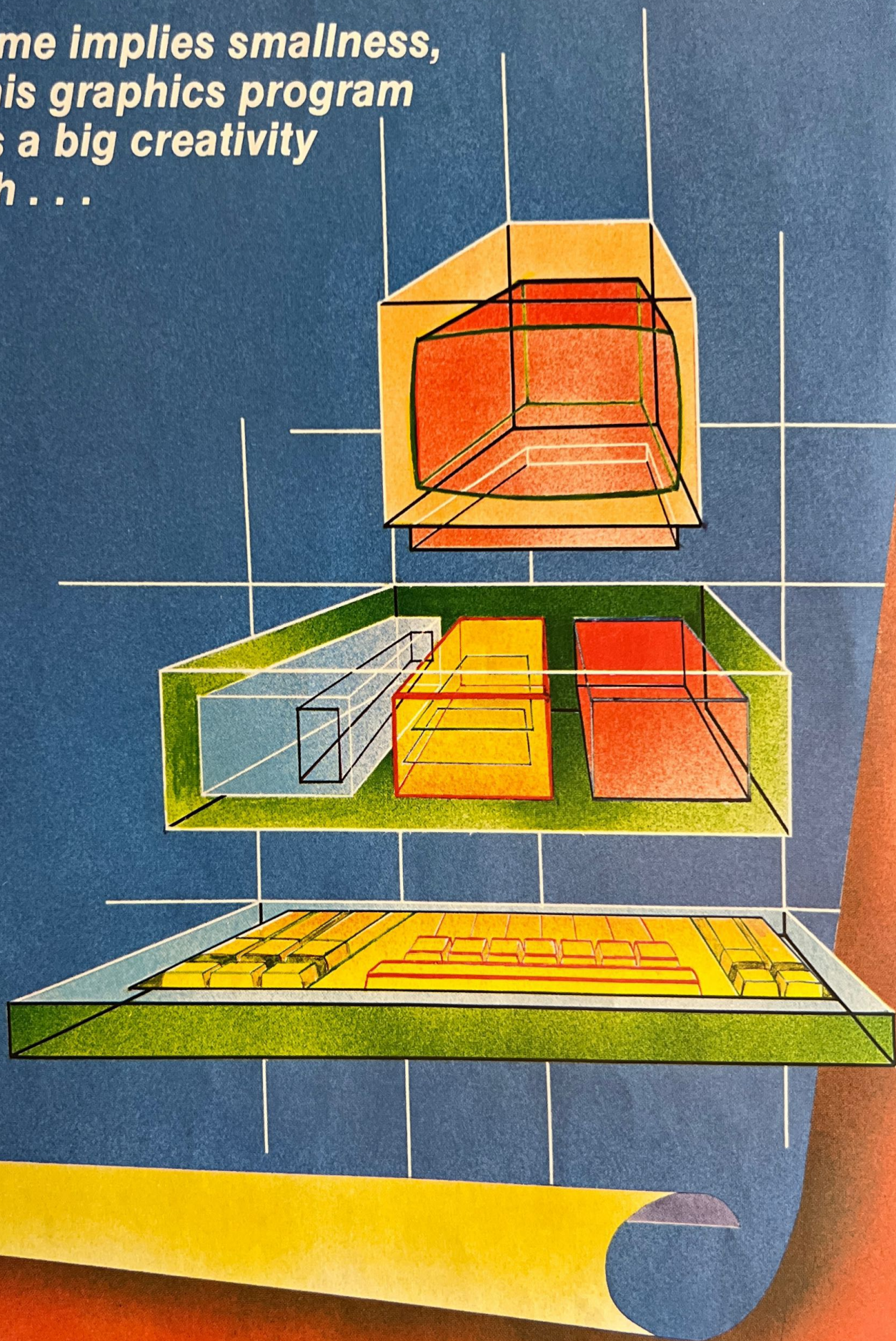
- 1) Collect *DEBUG.COM* and *FORMSORT.OVR*
- 2) Enter `DEBUG FORMSORT.OVR`
- 3) At the prompt, enter `A099E`
- 4) Enter 10
- 5) Enter W to write the revision
- 6) Enter Q to return to system

I just recently discovered your publication. I hope you keep those back issues in print; seems I have a little reading to catch up on.

Frank Bennett, Jr.  
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*Its name implies smallness,  
but this graphics program  
packs a big creativity  
punch . . .*





# TinyCAD

By Ron Smith

**T**inyCAD is a two-dimensional graphics program designed for the Sanyo MBC-550 computer. It can be used as a general design aid or can be customized to suit particular needs.

The program uses the exceptional graphics capabilities of the Sanyo computer and Sanyo BASIC. There is no need for mouse, light pen, digitizer pad or joystick (although they may be integrated if you wish). Instead, we use the graphics cursor (GCURSOR) in BASIC and the cursor and tab keys on the console.

Written for simplicity and flexibility, TinyCAD leaves an open door to creativity. It allows for the separate design of an algorithm and simple merging into the program body. It lets you design your own designing tool. For example, let's assume you have interests in the architectural area of CAD. You may wish to design a set of algorithms, such as electrical outlets, lighting fixtures, sinks and bathtubs, and merge them into the program. TinyCAD readily accepts this.

Included in this program is a minimum set of algorithms — a starter set so to speak. However, I can assure you there are many prospects for expansion. As an example, there are now more than 30 algorithms created for this program, all of which were designed and debugged externally and all of good quality.

I resisted the temptation to clutter this program with error-trapping routines. TinyCAD is designed to be easily coded from text, and extra bells and whistles simply add lines of confusing code. In any case, the user is free to add as he/she sees fit. The same logic applies to the somewhat cumbersome file-handling methods. However, ease of algorithm transfer is the primary consideration.

## A Walk through the System

You may wish to keep the coding to a minimum and enter only the program body and one or two algorithms. If such

is the case, look through the program listing; it should be obvious which lines to skip. When finished with the coding, you must take care of one file before running. The FILELIST has not been initialized. If you are not familiar with opening disk files try this: RUN 1100. At the measurement prompt press BREAK. Now run the program. Add a new filename (up to eight characters — no extension).

Unit of Measurement — For measurement purposes, the program needs to know how many of the world coordinate positions you want to use to represent an inch, foot, meter or whatever. Suggestion: enter 100. You will get a better feel for this later. There is a slight delay while the files are set up.

Drawing Screen — Cursor top left <CR>, cursor right <CR>, <CR> selects the drawing screen from the world system and draws a screen representative rectangle around it.

## Functions

OL — Object Line: Draws line from cursor position to cursor position. Line lengths are constant on the world system:

- 1) CURSOR TO BEGINNING <CR>,  
CURSOR TO END <CR>
- 2) OPTION: <CR> exits
- 3) CURSOR TO END <CR>, back to '2'

LL — Leader Line: Same as OL, different color.

CL — Construction Line: Same as OL, different color, current screen only, does not record.

OC — Object Circle: Drawn clockwise from "begin degrees" to "end degrees" with 0 and 360 at far right of circle/ellipse. Circle/ellipse sizes are constant on the world system.

- 1) CURSOR TO CIRCLE CENTER <CR>
- 2) OPTION: <CR> exits
- 3) CURSOR TO RADIUS <CR>
- 4) OPTION: Enter F for full circle
- 5) INPUT BEGIN DEGREES <CR>
- 6) INPUT END DEGREES <CR>,  
back to '1'

OE — Object Ellipse: See OC. Note: Major and minor radii must lie on centerline with one axis. Draws only right angle ellipses.

- 1) CURSOR TO ELLIPSE CENTER <CR>

2) OPTION: <CR> exits

- 3) CURSOR TO MINOR RADIUS <CR>

- 4) CURSOR TO MAJOR RADIUS <CR>

5) OPTION: Enter F for full ellipse

- 6) INPUT BEGIN DEGREES <CR>

- 7) INPUT END DEGREES <CR>,  
back to '1'

AW — Arrow: Draws arrows where indicated and in any radial orientation. Arrow sizes are constant on the world system.

- 1) OPTION: <CR> exits

- 2) CURSOR TO ARROW POINT <CR>

- 3) CURSOR TO ANY POINT ON ARROW SHAFT <CR>, back to '1'

GP — Get and Put: Gets a rectangular section of screen data and copies it to another place on the screen. Restricted in size by the GPN(n) array. Will not work without 256K RAM. "Save" GP data before exiting screen.

- 1) CURSOR TO TOP LEFT CORNER <CR>

2) OPTION: <CR> exits

- 3) CURSOR TO BOTTOM LEFT CORNER <CR>

- 4) CURSOR TO PUT POINT ON SCREEN <CR>, back to '1'

TX — Text: Prints strings where requested. Text size is constant on world system.

- 1) OPTION: <CR> exits

- 2) CURSOR TO TOP LEFT CORNER <CR>

- 3) INPUT TEXT <CR>, back to '1'

MS — Measure: First lists the world system position to the screen in X, Y coordinates, then lists the world system distance from that point to any other point on the screen in linear units (based on system units input on file from initial setup). Leaves a cross on the screen for reference. Not recorded.

- 1) CURSOR TO ANY POSITION <CR>, lists world XY

- 2) OPTION: <CR> exits and leaves cross

- 3) CURSOR TO ANY POSITION <CR>, lists the distance from original point. Back to '2'

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# The listing:

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10 *****
20 *
30 TINYCAD, VERSION 1.1 -- 3/1/86 -- FOR SANYO MBC 5XX -- BY RON SMITH *
40 *
50 *****
60 *
70 *
100 CLEAR
110 *****
120 *
130 *****
140 DEFDBL F,S,X,Y: 'DOUBLE PRECISION
150 DEF FNSR=(X2-X1)/640: 'SCREEN RATIO
160 DEF FNY2=Y1+(.3125*(X2-X1)): 'Y2 POSITION ON SCREEN
170 *
180 *
190 *
200 *
210 *
220 *
230 *
240 *
250 *
260 *
270 *
280 *
290 *
300 *
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660 *
670 *
680 *
690 *
700 *
710 *
720 CLS:PRINT"TINYCAD":PRINT"BY RON SMITH":PRINT"VERSION 1.1 3/1/86
730 FOR T=1 TO 3000:NEXT T
740 *****
750 *
760 *****
770 CLS:LOCATE 10,30:PRINT"*** MAIN MENU ***
780 LOCATE 13,25:PRINT"1-WORK EXISTING FILE
790 LOCATE 15,25:PRINT"2-OPEN NEW FILE
800 LOCATE 17,25:PRINT"3-UTILITIES
810 LOCATE 19,40:INPUT"1 THRU 3";Q1
820 *
830 *
840 *
850 IF INT(Q1)<1 OR INT(Q1)>3 THEN 770
860 *****
870 *
880 *****
890 *
900 *****
910 *
920 *****
930 IF Q1=1 THEN CLS:LOCATE 10,25:INPUT"NAME OF EXISTING FILE";FILENAME$
940 IF Q1=2 THEN CLS:LOCATE 10,25:INPUT"NAME OF NEW FILE";FILENAME$
950 IF FILENAME$="" THEN 740
960 OPEN "I",#1,"FILELIST"
970 INPUT#1,SIZE
980 FOR Z=0 TO SIZE
990 INPUT#1,FILENAME$(Z)
1000 NEXT Z
1010 CLOSE
1020 FOR Z=0 TO SIZE

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0030 IF FILENAME$=FILENAME$(Z) THEN 1050
0040 NEXT Z
0050 IF Q1=1 AND FILENAME$<FILENAME$(Z) THEN CLS:LOCATE 10,25:PRINT
"FILE NOT FOUND":FOR T= 1 TO 2000:NEXT T:GOTO 740
0060 IF Q1=2 AND FILENAME$ =FILENAME$(Z) THEN CLS:LOCATE 10,25:PRINT
"FILE NAME TAKEN":FOR T= 1 TO 2000:NEXT T:GOTO 740
0070 IF Q1=1 THEN 1310
0080 *****
0090 ' ADDS NEW FILE *
0100 *****
0110 SIZE=SIZE+1:FILENAME$(SIZE)=FILENAME$
0120 OPEN "O",#1,"FILELIST"
0130 PRINT#1,SIZE
0140 FOR Z= 0 TO SIZE
0150 PRINT#1,FILENAME$(Z)
0160 NEXT Z
0170 CLOSE
0180 *****
0190 ' SETS WINDOW COORDINATES FOR NEW FILE *
0200 *****
0210 CLS
0220 PRINT"THESE ARE";WX;" HORIZ. POSITIONS ACROSS THE WORLD. HOW MANY ARE
0230 PRINT:INPUT"USED IN ONE UNIT OF MEASUREMENT";UN
0240 OPEN "O",#1,FILENAME$+".UNC"
0250 WRITE#1,UN
0260 CLOSE
0270 GOTO 1340
0280 *****
0290 ' GETS WINDOW COORDINATES FOR OLD FILE *
0300 *****
0310 OPEN "I",#1,FILENAME$+".UNC"
0320 INPUT#1,UN
0330 CLOSE
0340 *****
0350 ' SETS WINDOW *
0360 *****
0370 X0=320:Y0=100: 'CENTER OF SCREEN FOR CURSOR
0380 X1=0:Y1=0:X2=WX: 'VARIABLES FOR WINDOW SIZE
0390 IF Q1=2 THEN GOSUB 5000: 'SKIP IF NEW FILE
0400 CLS
0410 WINDOW(X1,Y1)-(X2,FNY2): 'DEFINES WINDOW
0420 IF Q1=2 THEN 1500: 'SKIP IF NEW FILE
0430 *****
0440 ' DRAWS OLD FILE ON FULL WINDOW *
0450 *****
0460 GOSUB 8000
0470 *****
0480 ' REDEFINES SCREEN RATIO AND WINDOW *
0490 *****
0500 SR=FNSR: 'TEMPORARY SCREEN RATIO
0510 GOSUB 12000:PRINT"CURSOR TO TOP LEFT CORNER <CR>"
0520 GCURSOR(X0,Y0),(XX1,YY1)
0530 GOSUB 12000:PRINT"CURSOR TO RIGHT SIDE <CR>"
0540 GCURSOR(XX1,YY1),(XX2,YY2)
0550 IF XX1=XX2 AND YY1=YY2 THEN 1710
0560 LINE (XX1*FNSR+X1,YY1*FNSR+Y1)-(XX2*FNSR+X1,(YY1+(.3125*(XX2-XX1)))*FNSR+
Y1),,B: 'DRAWS SCREEN RECTANGLE AROUND CHOICE
0570 GCURSOR(XX2,YY2),(XX3,YY3)
0580 IF XX2=XX3 AND YY2=YY3 THEN 1600
0590 XX1=XX3:YY1=YY3: GOTO 1530: 'TRY NEW SCREEN RECTANGLE
0600 X1=XX1*SR:Y1=YY1*SR:X2=XX2*SR
0610 WINDOW(X1,Y1)-(X2,FNY2): 'NEW WINDOW
0620 CLS
0630 IF Q1=2 THEN 1710
0640 *****
0650 ' DRAWS OLD FILE ON NEW WINDOW *
0660 *****
0670 FUNCTION$="RD":GOSUB 8000
0680 *****
0690 ' FUNCTION SELECTION *
0700 *****
0710 GOSUB 12000
0720 IF FUNCTION$="OL"THEN GOSUB 2000:GOTO 1710: 'OBJECT LINE
0725 IF FUNCTION$="LL"THEN GOSUB 2000:GOTO 1710: 'LEADER LINE
0728 IF FUNCTION$="CL"THEN GOSUB 2000:GOTO 1710: 'CONSTRUCTION LINE
0730 IF FUNCTION$="OC"THEN GOSUB 2160:GOTO 1710: 'OBJECT CIRCLE
0740 IF FUNCTION$="GP"THEN GOSUB 2370:GOSUB 5180:GOTO 1710: 'GET AND PUT
0750 IF FUNCTION$="AW"THEN GOSUB 2510:GOTO 1710: 'ARROW
0760 IF FUNCTION$="TX"THEN GOSUB 2710:GOTO 1710: 'TEXT

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1770 IF FUNCTION$="MS" THEN GOSUB 12110: 'MEASURE
1780 IF FUNCTION$="ER" THEN GOSUB 12310:GOTO 1710: 'ERASE LAST
1790 IF FUNCTION$="RD" THEN Q1=1:GOTO 1340: 'REDRAW
1800 IF FUNCTION$="OE" THEN GOSUB 2820:GOTO 1710: 'OBJECT ELLIPSE
1950 '
1960 '
1970 IF FUNCTION$="SAVE" THEN GOSUB 5000:GOTO 1710
1980 IF FUNCTION$="END" THEN END
1990 GOTO 1710
2000 *****
2010 ' SUBROUTINE DRAWS LINES *
2020 *****
2030 GOSUB 12060:PRINT"CURSOR BEGNNING OF LINE <CR>"
2040 GCURSOR (X0,Y0),(LX1,LY1)
2050 GOSUB 12060:PRINT"CURSOR TO END OF LINE <CR>"
2060 GCURSOR (LX1,LY1),(LX2,LY2)
2070 COL(LN)=OLCOL
2080 IF FUNCTION$="LL" THEN COL(LN)=LLCOL
2082 IF FUNCTION$<"CL" THEN 2090
2084 CLX1=FNSR*LX1+X1:CLY1=LY1+FNSR+Y1:CLX2=LX2+FNSR+X1:CLY2=LY2+FNSR+Y1
2086 LINE(CLX1,CLY1)-(CLX2,CLY2),COL(LN)
2087 IF CLX1=CLX2 AND CLY1=CLY2 THEN RETURN
2088 GOTO 2130
2090 LX(LN)=FNSR*LX1+X1:LY(LN)=LY1+FNSR+Y1:LX(LN+1)=LX2+FNSR+X1:LY(LN+1)=LY2+
FNSR+Y1
2100 LINE(LX(LN),LY(LN))-(LX(LN+1),LY(LN+1)),COL(LN)
2110 LN=LN+1
2120 IF LX(LN-1)=LX(LN) AND LY(LN-1)=LY(LN) THEN LINESTOP(LN)=1:RETURN
2130 X0=LX2:Y0=LY2
2140 LX1=LX2:LY1=LY2
2150 GOTO 2050
2160 *****
2170 ' SUBROUTINE DRAWS CIRCLES *
2180 *****
2190 GOSUB 12060:PRINT"CURSOR TO CIRCLE CENTER <CR>"
2200 GCURSOR (X0,Y0),(CCX,CCY)
2210 CCX(CN)=FNSR*CCX+X1:CCY(CN)=CCY+FNSR+Y1
2220 LINE(CCX(CN)-(FNSR*5),CCY(CN))-(CCX(CN)+(FNSR*5),CCY(CN)),LLCOL
2230 LINE(CCX(CN),CCY(CN)+(FNSR*3))-(CCX(CN),CCY(CN)-(FNSR*3)),LLCOL
2240 GOSUB 12060:PRINT"CURSOR TO RADIUS <CR> OR STAY <CR> TO END"
2250 GCURSOR (CCX,CCY),(CRX,CRY)
2260 IF CCX=CRX AND CCY=CRY THEN RETURN
2270 GOSUB 12060:INPUT"BEGIN DEGREES (OR 'F' FOR FULL CIRCLE) <CD>";FUNCTION$
2280 IF FUNCTION$="F" THEN CIRCLESTART(CN)=0
2290 IF FUNCTION$="F" THEN CIRCLEEND(CN)=360:GOTO 2310
2300 CIRCLESTART(CN)=VAL(FUNCTION$):GOSUB 12060:INPUT"END DEGREES <CR>";
FUNCTION$:CIRCLEEND(CN)=VAL(FUNCTION$)
2310 CRAD(CN)=SQR((CCX-CRX)^2+((CCY-CRY)^2)*FNSR
2330 CIRCLE(CCX(CN),CCY(CN)),CRAD(CN),CIRCLESTART(CN)/360,CIRCLEEND(CN)/360,,
OCCOL
2340 X0=CCX:Y0=CCY
2350 CN=CN+1
2360 GOTO 2160
2370 *****
2380 ' SUBROUTINE TO GET AND PUT *
2390 *****
2400 GOSUB 12060:PRINT"CURSOR TO TOP LEFT CORNER <CR>"
2410 GCURSOR (X0,Y0),(GX1(GN),GY1(GN))
2420 GOSUB 12060:PRINT"CURSOR TO BOTTOM RIGHT <CR>"
2430 GCURSOR (GX1(GN),GY1(GN)),(GX2(GN),GY2(GN))
2440 IF GX1(GN)=GX2(GN) AND GY1(GN)=GY2(GN) THEN RETURN
2450 GCURSOR (GX1(GN),GY1(GN)),(GX3(GN),GY3(GN))
2460 GET(GX1(GN),GY1(GN))-(GX2(GN),GY2(GN)),GPN
2470 PUT(GX3(GN),GY3(GN)),GPN,OR
2480 X0=GX3(GN):Y0=GY3(GN)
2490 GN=GN+1
2500 GOTO 2370
2510 *****
2520 ' SUBROUTINE TO DRAW ARROW HEAD *
2530 *****
2540 GOSUB 12060:PRINT"CURSOR TO ARROW POINT <CR>"
2550 GCURSOR(X0,Y0),(AX1,AY1)
2560 IF X0=AX1 AND Y0=AY1 THEN RETURN
2570 GOSUB 12060:PRINT"CURSOR TO ANY POINT BEHIND (AND ON) ARROW LINE <CR>"
2580 GCURSOR(AX1,AY1),(AX2,AY2)
2590 IF AX1<=AX2 AND AY1>=AY2 THEN ANG(AN)=ATN((AX2-AX1)*.5/(AY1-AY2)):
GOTO 2630
2600 IF AX1<AX2 AND AY1<=AY2 THEN ANG(AN)=ATN((AY2-AY1)/.5/(AX2-AX1))+1.5707:

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GOTO 2630
2610 IF AX1>=AX2 AND AY1<AY2 THEN ANG(AN)=ATN((AX1-AX2)*.5/(AY2-AY1))+3.14159:
GOTO 2630
2620 IF AX1>AX2 AND AY1>=AY2 THEN ANG(AN)=ATN((AY1-AY2)/.5/(AX1-AX2))+4.7124:
GOTO 2630
2630 AX1(AN)=AX1*FNSR+X1:AY1(AN)=AY1*FNSR+Y1
2640 LINE(AX1(AN),AY1(AN))-(AX1(AN)+(SIN(ANG(AN)-.2)*AMAX)/.5,AY1(AN)-(COS
(ANG(AN)-.2)*AMAX)),AWCOL
2650 LINE-(AX1(AN)+(SIN(ANG(AN)+.2)*AMAX)/.5,AY1(AN)-(COS(ANG(AN)+.2)*AMAX)),
AWCOL
2660 LINE-(AX1(AN),AY1(AN)),AWCOL
2670 AN=AN+1
2680 X0=AX1:Y0=AY1
2690 GOTO 2550
2710 '*****
2720 ' SUBROUTINE PRINTS TEXT TO SCREEN *
2730 '*****
2740 GOSUB 12060:PRINT"CURSOR TO UPPER LEFT <CR>"
2750 GCURSOR(X0,Y0),(TX,TY)
2760 IF X0=TX AND Y0=TY THEN RETURN
2770 GOSUB 12060:INPUT"TYPE TEXT <CR>";TX$(TN)
2780 TX(TN)=TX*FNSR+X1:TY(TN)=TY*FNSR+Y1
2790 SYMBOL(TX(TN),TY(TN)),TX$(TN),TXH,TXV,TXCOL
2800 TN=TN+1:X0=TX:Y0=TY
2810 GOTO 2710
2820 '*****
2830 ' SUBROUTINE TO DRAW ELIPSE *
2840 '*****
2850 GOSUB 12060:PRINT"CURSOR TO ELIPSE CENTER <CR>"
2860 GCURSOR(X0,Y0),(CEX,CEY)
2870 CEX(EN)=FNSR*CEX+X1:CEY(EN)=CEY*FNSR+Y1
2880 LINE(CEX(EN)+FNSR*5,CEY(EN))-(CEX(EN)-FNSR*5,CEY(EN)),LLCOL
2890 LINE(CEX(EN),CEY(EN)+FNSR*3)-(CEX(EN),CEY(EN)-FNSR*3),LLCOL
2900 GOSUB 12060:PRINT"CURSOR TO MINOR RAD <CR> OR STAY <CR> TO END"
2910 GCURSOR(CEX,CEY),(MNX,MNY)
2920 IF CEX=MNX AND CEY=MNY THEN RETURN
2930 GOSUB 12060:PRINT"CURSOR TO MAJOR RAD <CR>"
2940 GCURSOR(CEX,CEY),(MJX,MJY)
2950 GOSUB 12060:INPUT"BEGIN DEGREES (OR 'F' FOR FULL ELIPSE) <CR>";FUNCTION$
2960 IF FUNCTION$="F" THEN ELIPSESTART(EN)=0
2970 IF FUNCTION$="F" THEN ELIPSEEND(EN)=360:GOTO 2990
2980 ELIPSESTART(EN)=VAL(FUNCTION$):GOSUB 12060:INPUT"END DEGREES <CR>";
FUNCTION$:ELIPSEEND(EN)=VAL(FUNCTION$)
2990 IF CEX=MNX THEN MINRAD=ABS(CEY-MNY) ELSE MINRAD=ABS(CEX-MNX)
3000 X0=LX1:Y0=LY1
3010 IF CEX=MJX THEN MAXRAD=ABS(CEY-MJY) ELSE MAXRAD=ABS(CEX-MJX)
3020 IF ABS(CEX-MNX)<ABS(CEY-MJY) THEN VERTRAD=MAXRAD ELSE VERTRAD=MINRAD
3030 IF VERTRAD=MAXRAD THEN HORIZRAD=MINRAD ELSE HORIZRAD=MAXRAD
3040 RATIO(EN)=VERTRAD/HORIZRAD
3050 IF MAXRAD=HORIZRAD THEN ERAD(EN)=HORIZRAD ELSE ERAD(EN)=VERTRAD
3060 ERAD(EN)=ERAD(EN)*FNSR
3070 CIRCLE(CEX(EN),CEY(EN)),ERAD(EN),ELIPSESTART(EN)/360,ELIPSEEND(EN)/360,
RATIO(EN),OECOL
3080 X0=CEX:Y0=CEY:EN=EN+1
3090 GOTO 2820
4980 '
4990 '
5000 '*****
5010 ' SUBROUTINE WRITES LINE DATA TO DISK FROM ARRAY *
5020 '*****
5030 OPEN "O",#1,FILENAME$+".OLL"
5040 PRINT#1,LN
5050 FOR Z=0 TO LN
5060 WRITE#1,LX(Z),LY(Z),LINESTOP(Z),COL(Z)
5070 NEXT Z
5080 CLOSE
5090 '*****
5100 ' SUBROUTINE WRITES CIRCLE DATA TO DISK FROM ARRAY *
5110 '*****
5120 OPEN "O",#1,FILENAME$+".OGC"
5130 PRINT#1,CN
5140 FOR Z=0 TO CN-1
5150 WRITE#1,CCX(Z),CCY(Z),CRAD(Z),CIRCLESTART(Z),CIRCLEEND(Z)
5160 NEXT Z
5170 CLOSE
5180 '*****
5190 ' SUBROUTINE WRITES GET PUT DATA TO DISK FROM ARRAY *
5200 '*****

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2210 AX=X2-X1:AY=FNY2-Y1
5220 FOR Z= 0 TO GN-1
5230 GX1(Z)=(GX1(Z)/640)*AX+X1:GX2(Z)=(GX2(Z)/640)*AX+X1:GX3(Z)=(GX3(Z)/640)*
    AX+X1
5240 GY1(Z)=(GY1(Z)/200)*AY+Y1:GY2(Z)=(GY2(Z)/200)*AY+Y1:GY3(Z)=(GY3(Z)/200)*
    AY+Y1
5250 NEXT Z
5260 OPEN "O",#1,FILENAME$+".GPC"
5270 PRINT#1,GN
5280 FOR Z=0 TO GN-1
5290 WRITE#1,GX1(Z),GX2(Z),GX3(Z),GY1(Z),GY2(Z),GY3(Z)
5300 NEXT Z
5310 CLOSE
5320 IF FUNCTION$="GP" THEN RETURN
5330 '*****
5340 '          SUBROUTINE WRITES ARROWHEAD DATA TO DISK FROM ARRAY *
5350 '*****
5360 OPEN "O",#1,FILENAME$+".AWG"
5370 PRINT#1,AN
5380 FOR Z=0 TO AN-1
5390 WRITE#1,AX1(Z),AY1(Z),ANG(Z)
5400 NEXT Z
5410 CLOSE
5420 '*****
5430 '          SUBROUTINE WRITES TEXT DATA TO DISK FROM ARRAY *
5440 '*****
5450 OPEN "O",#1,FILENAME$+".TXT"
5460 PRINT#1,TN
5470 FOR Z=0 TO TN-1
5480 WRITE#1,TX(Z),TY(Z),TX$(Z)
5490 NEXT Z
5500 CLOSE
5510 '*****
5520 '          SUBROUTINE WRITES ELIPSE DATA TO DISK FROM ARRAY *
5530 '*****
5540 OPEN "O",#1,FILENAME$+".OEC"
5550 PRINT#1,EN
5560 FOR Z= 0 TO EN-1
5570 WRITE#1,CX(Z),CEY(Z),ERAD(Z),ELIPSESTART(Z),ELIPSEEND(Z),RATIO(Z)
5580 NEXT Z
5590 CLOSE
7970 '
7980 '
7990 RETURN
8000 '*****
8010 '          SUBROUTINE READS LINE DATA FROM DISK AND DRAWS *
8020 '*****
8030 IF FUNCTION$="RD" THEN 8100
8040 OPEN "I",#1,FILENAME$+".OLL"
8050 INPUT#1,LN
8060 FOR Z= 0 TO LN
8070 INPUT#1,LX(Z),LY(Z),LINESTOP(Z),COL(Z)
8080 NEXT Z
8090 CLOSE
8100 FOR Z=0 TO LN-1
8110 IF LINESTOP(Z+1)=1 THEN 8130
8120 LINE (LX(Z),LY(Z))-(LX(Z+1),LY(Z+1)),COL(Z)
8130 NEXT Z
8140 '*****
8150 '          SUBROUTINE READS CIRCLE DATA FROM DISK AND DRAWS *
8160 '*****
8170 IF FUNCTION$="RD" THEN 8240
8180 OPEN "I",#1,FILENAME$+".OCC"
8190 INPUT#1,CN
8200 FOR Z=0 TO CN-1
8210 INPUT#1,CCX(Z),CCY(Z),CRAD(Z),CIRCLESTART(Z),CIRCLEEND(Z)
8220 NEXT Z
8230 CLOSE
8240 FOR Z= 0 TO CN-1
8250 LINE(CCX(Z)-(FNSR*5),CCY(Z))-(CCX(Z)+(FNSR*5),CCY(Z)),LLCOL
8260 LINE(CCX(Z),CCY(Z)+(FNSR*3))-(CCX(Z),CCY(Z)-(FNSR*3)),LLCOL
8270 CIRCLE(CCX(Z),CCY(Z),CRAD(Z),CIRCLESTART(Z)/360,CIRCLEEND(Z)/360,,
    OCCOL
8280 NEXT Z
8290 '*****
8300 '          SUBROUTINE READS GET PUT DATA FROM DISK AND DRAWS *
8310 '*****
8320 AX=X2-X1:AY=FNY2-Y1
8330 OPEN "I",#1,FILENAME$+".GPC"

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8340 INPUT#1,GN
8350 FOR Z=0 TO GN-1
8360 INPUT#1,GX1(Z),GX2(Z),GX3(Z),GY1(Z),GY2(Z),GY3(Z)
8370 NEXT Z
8380 CLOSE
8390 FOR Z=0 TO GN-1
8400 GX1(Z)=((GX1(Z)-X1)/AX)*640:GX2(Z)=((GX2(Z)-X1)/AX)*640:GX3(Z)=((GX3(Z)-
X1)/AX)*640
8410 GY1(Z)=((GY1(Z)-Y1)/AY)*200:GY2(Z)=((GY2(Z)-Y1)/AY)*200:GY3(Z)=((GY3(Z)-
Y1)/AY)*200
8420 NEXT Z
8430 FOR Z=0 TO GN-1
8440 IF GX1(Z)<1 OR GX2(Z)>639 THEN 8500
8450 IF GX3(Z)<1 OR GX3(Z)>639 THEN 8500
8460 IF GY1(Z)<1 OR GY2(Z)>199 THEN 8500
8470 IF GY3(Z)<1 OR GY3(Z)>199 THEN 8500
8480 GET(GX1(Z),GY1(Z))-(GX2(Z),GY2(Z)),GPN
8490 PUT(GX3(Z),GY3(Z)),GPN,OR: "OR" PUTS OVER ALL, ERASES BACKGROUND
8500 NEXT Z
8510 *****
8520 SUBROUTINE READS ARROWHEAD DATA FROM DISK AND DRAWS *
8530 *****
8540 IF FUNCTIONS="RD" THEN 8610
8550 OPEN "I",#1,FILENAME$+".AWC"
8560 INPUT#1,AN
8570 FOR Z=0 TO AN-1
8580 INPUT#1,AX1(Z),AY1(Z),ANG(Z)
8590 NEXT Z
8600 CLOSE
8610 FOR Z=0 TO AN-1
8620 LINE(AX1(Z),AY1(Z))-(AX1(Z)+(SIN(ANG(Z)-.2)*AMAX)/.5,AY1(Z)-(COS(ANG(Z)-
.2)*AMAX)),AWCOL
8630 LINE-(AX1(Z)+(SIN(ANG(Z)+.2)*AMAX)/.5,AY1(Z)-(COS(ANG(Z)+.2)*AMAX)),AWCOL
8640 LINE-(AX1(Z),AY1(Z)),AWCOL
8650 NEXT
8660 CLOSE
8670 *****
8680 SUBROUTINE READS TEXT DATA FROM DISK AND PRINTS *

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8690 *****
8700 IF FUNCTION$="RD" THEN 8770
8710 OPEN "I",#1,FILENAME$+".TXT"
8720 INPUT#1,TN
8730 FOR Z=0 TO TN-1
8740 INPUT#1, TX(Z), TY(Z), TX$(Z)
8750 NEXT Z
8760 CLOSE
8770 FOR Z=0 TO TN-1
8780 SYMBOL(TX(Z), TY(Z)), TX$(Z), TXH, TXV, TXCOL
8790 NEXT Z
8800 *****
8810 ' SUBROUTINE READS ELIPSE DATA FROM DISK AND DRAWS *
8820 ' *****
8825 IF FUNCTION$="RD" THEN 8890
8830 OPEN "I",#1,FILENAME$+".OEC"
8840 INPUT#1,EN
8850 FOR Z= 0 TO EN-1
8860 INPUT#1, CEX(Z), CEY(Z), ERAD(Z), ELIPSESTART(Z), ELIPSEEND(Z), RATIO(Z)
8870 NEXT Z
8880 CLOSE
8890 FOR Z= 0 TO EN-1
8900 LINE(CEX(Z)-(FNSR*5), CEY(Z))-(CEX(Z)+(FNSR*5), CEY(Z)), LLCOL
8910 LINE(CEX(Z), CEY(Z)+(FNSR*3))-(CEX(Z), CEY(Z)-(FNSR*3)), LLCOL
8920 CIRCLE(CEX(Z), CEY(Z), ERAD(Z), ELIPSESTART(Z)/360, ELIPSEEND(Z)/360,
RATIO(Z), OECOL
8930 NEXT Z
11970 '
11980 '
11990 RETURN
12000 *****
12010 ' SUB ROUTINE FUNCTION PROMPT *
12020 ' *****
12030 LOCATE 24,1:PRINT"
12040 LOCATE 24,1:INPUT "FUNCTION";FUNCTION$
12050 LOCATE 24,1:PRINT"
RETURN
12060 *****
12070 ' SUB ROUTINE LOCATE *
12080 ' *****
12090 LOCATE 24,1:PRINT"
12100 LOCATE 24,1:RETURN
12110 *****
12120 ' SUBROUTINE FOR MEASURING *
12130 *****
12140 GCURSOR(X0,Y0),(XX,YY)
12150 XZ=XX:YZ=YY
12160 XX1=FNSR*XX+X1:YY1=FNSR*YY+Y1
12170 GOSUB 12060
12180 PRINT USING"#####.##";XX1/UN,YY1/UN
12190 GCURSOR(XX,YY),(XXX,YYY)
12200 X0=XXX:Y0=YYY
12210 IF XX=XXX AND YY=YYY THEN 12270
12220 DIS=SQR((XZ-XXX)^2+((YZ-YYY)/.5080001)^2)
12230 GOSUB 12060
12240 PRINT USING"#####.##";FNSR*DIS/UN
12250 XX=XXX:YY=YYY
12260 GOTO 12190
12270 XX=FNSR*XX+X1:YY=YY*FNSR+Y1
12280 LINE(XX-(FNSR*5),YY)-(XX+(FNSR*5),YY),OLCOL
12290 LINE(XX,YY+(FNSR*3))-(XX,YY-(FNSR*3)),OLCOL
12300 RETURN
12310 *****
12320 ' ERASES LAST FUNCTION *
12330 ' *****
12340 GOSUB 12060
12350 INPUT"FUNCTION TO ERASE LAST OR 'X' TO CANCEL <CR>";Q3$
12360 IF Q3$="X" THEN RETURN
12370 IF Q3$="OL" OR Q3$="LL" THEN LINESTOP(LN)=0:LN=LN-1:LINESTOP(LN)=1:
LX(LN)=LX(LN-1):LY(LN)=LY(LN-1)
12380 IF Q3$="OC" THEN CN=CN-1
12390 IF Q3$="GP" THEN GN=GN-1
12400 IF Q3$="OE" THEN EN=EN-1
12410 IF Q3$="AW" THEN AN=AN-1
12420 IF Q3$="TX" THEN TN=TN-1
12430 RETURN
12440 CLOSE

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**Q.** I am a graduate student studying paleontology. In my research I work with small fossils that require many tedious measurements for identification purposes.

I would like to set up a system by which I could place a specimen under a video camera attached to a microscope. The image would then be fed into a monitor. Using a mouse, joystick or preferably a plotting board with a puck, I could then point out on the screen the measurements I wish to make, which would be stored in a database for later analysis. I know that this can be done with an IBM PC system. I would like to know if it could be done with my Sanyo MBC-555. Do you know of any fundamental limitations in the 555's graphics capabilities that would make this process infeasible?

Steve Hageman  
Urbana, IL

**A.** There is no limitation on the MBC-555's graphics that I know of. In fact, in most respects they are superior to that of the IBM PC (we have 640 by 200 pixel resolution with eight colors). Interfacing certain products can be difficult due to the lack of an accessible bus.

I have written test programs for the MBC-555 that use a mouse and interface with BASIC (Sanyo's version for the MBC-555). The program is actually a poor man's (actually a penniless man's) *PC-Paint*, but it will show you how to interface assembly language programs with a high level language and how to use RS-232 interrupts. However, we cannot and will not support the program in any manner whatsoever.

If you are interested in obtaining source listings of the program, send a formatted disk and \$15 for postage and handling to us and I will supply you with the code. You

will need the *Macro Assembler* to change anything. Remember, once you get the code, you are on your own.

**Q.** I am writing in the hope that you can tell me how to "cure" two problems I have with my Sanyo 550.

One problem is with the VAL(n) function in Sanyo BASIC (I have version 1.31). I seem to get a syntax error a large amount of the time when I use this function. Could this be a malfunction of my hardware, my software, or is there something I should be doing and am not?

The other major problem I have been having deals with MS-DOS Version 2.11. I typed in the print spooler from the January '86 SOFT SECTOR, Page 51, and set up the CONFIG.SYS file (which I would have needed anyway). This worked fine. The problem came when I read Danny Humphress' "Mastering MS-DOS" column. He said that you should add the line DEVICE=ANSI.SYS to your CONFIG.SYS file. OK, there is no ANSI.SYS file on the 550 master disk. I discussed this with my local Sanyo dealer, and he offered to copy the ANSI55.SYS file for me. When I got home, I put this on a copy of my system disk and added ANSI55.SYS to my CONFIG.SYS file. When I tried to reboot my system, I got the normal MS-DOS messages. However, the time and date prompts did not display properly. Could you tell me how to patch and/or correct this problem?

Mrs. Mickey Raymer  
Westville, FL

**A.** There is a problem with the VAL statement in releases before BASIC 1.35. The problem is fixed (along with a problem in the joystick command) in BASIC 1.35 which comes with the MBC-555 Systems Utilities Disk. This disk may be purchased from Sanyo for \$15. This fix is for Sanyo BASIC only. It does not apply to the version of GW-BASIC that comes with the video board.

If you have already purchased the utilities disk and did not receive version 1.35, you may have your disk updated by sending Sanyo the original utilities disk along with \$2.50 for postage and handling.

ANSI55.SYS is a device driver for the video board version of MS-DOS only. It will not function correctly with the regular Sanyo video output. In fact, I'm surprised that it worked as well as you described since ANSI55.SYS is hardware dependent.

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Anyhow, one way around the problem might be to put a file called ANSI.SYS on the disk. Many programs look for this file without really checking to see if it is really a device driver and has been loaded into the system. You can take any file and name it ANSI.SYS, but don't try to load it using CONFIG.SYS. I have found this to be a solution in some, but not all, cases.

**Q.** I've recently been looking into hard disk systems for the Sanyo 550 and have noticed that they require one to boot the system from a floppy. This seems to be a waste of hard disk use. Most other manufacturers boot from a hard disk, once it is formatted and the system loaded.

Unless I am missing something, why can't the hard disk be configured from the floppy, then appropriate internal wiring modified to direct the hard disk as the default?

Rodney Starcher  
Akron, OH

**A.** First, I assume you have an MBC-555 that you are using with a hard disk. The PC compatibles (of which the MBC-555 is not one) have controllers containing a hard disk BIOS in ROM. When a PC is booted, the PC BIOS looks for other resident BIOS starting at 0C000 Hex and passes control to any that it finds. Since the hard disk BIOS is normally located at 0C8000 Hex, it takes control and starts the boot procedure from the fixed drive if a floppy is not in the 'A' drive.

This procedure cannot be followed on the MBC-555 because the entire BIOS is located on disk (except for a small bootstrap program in ROM). Therefore, the MBC-555 must be booted from a floppy just to load the BIOS and MS-DOS.

From there, a device driver is loaded that handles the fixed disk.

The amount of wiring and programming that would have to be done to enable the system to boot from a hard disk would be more than enormous. In fact, you would probably be designing a whole new computer.

**Q.** What I wish to do is to have GW-BASIC stop an entered input after a certain number of characters have been typed by the user. Sanyo BASIC accomplishes this with INPUT(1); is there a way to do this with GW-BASIC?

George E. Banks, Jr.  
Jacksonville, FL

**A.** GW-BASIC has a command similar to the Sanyo BASIC INPUT(1), <var>. Its syntax is X\$ = INPUT\$(1) and it is only good for string input. Also, it does not echo the characters as they are typed. The function is terminated as soon as 'i' characters are typed whereas the Sanyo routine needs an explicit <cr> to end the input.

**Q.** We make use of a legal database to conduct research into jurisprudence, and use Intellicom as our communications package. The problem we face is that text downloaded from the database is not compatible with WordStar. We would like to be able to edit out extraneous cases and system instructions. This would allow us to incorporate this data directly into court briefs. The stored files all seem to contain strings of extra characters (usually ^@) in such a number that they cannot easily be removed. Do you have any suggestions

as to how to capture WordStar compatible files?

Eric R. Hutton  
Bridgewater Legal Centre  
Bridgewater, Nova Scotia

**A.** The character you are seeing is the ASCII NULL character which is probably being sent by the mainframe. Here is a small BASIC program which will filter out those characters.

```
100 INPUT "Enter name of input file: ", IFILE$
110 INPUT "Enter name of output file: ", OFILE$
120 OPEN "r", #1, IFILE$, 1
130 OPEN "r", #2, OFILE$, 1
140 FIELD #1, 1 AS CHARIN$
150 FIELD #2, 1 AS CHAROUT$
160 SIZE = LOF(1) : PRINT "File size is "; SIZE$ : PRINT
170 FOR I = 1 TO SIZE
180 GET #1
190 IF LEFT$(CHARIN$, 1) = CHR$(0) GOTO 230
200 RSET CHAROUT$ = CHARIN$
210 PUT #2
220 PRINT CHAROUT$;
230 NEXT I
240 CLOSE #1
250 CLOSE #2
260 END
```

If the ^@ is not actually the NULL character that I suspect it is, the only line that must be changed is 190. Instead of CHR\$(0), put in the ASCII character you wish to filter. For example, if you want to filter out all occurrences of lowercase 'a', change Line 190 to:

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190 IF LEFT$(CHARIN$, 1) = "a" GOTO 230
      OR
190 IF LEFT$(CHARIN$, 1) = CHR$(97) GOTO 230
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By Robert J. Craig



**F**or those who have just entered the stock market and found it tough to follow investments, here is a program to make the job easier.

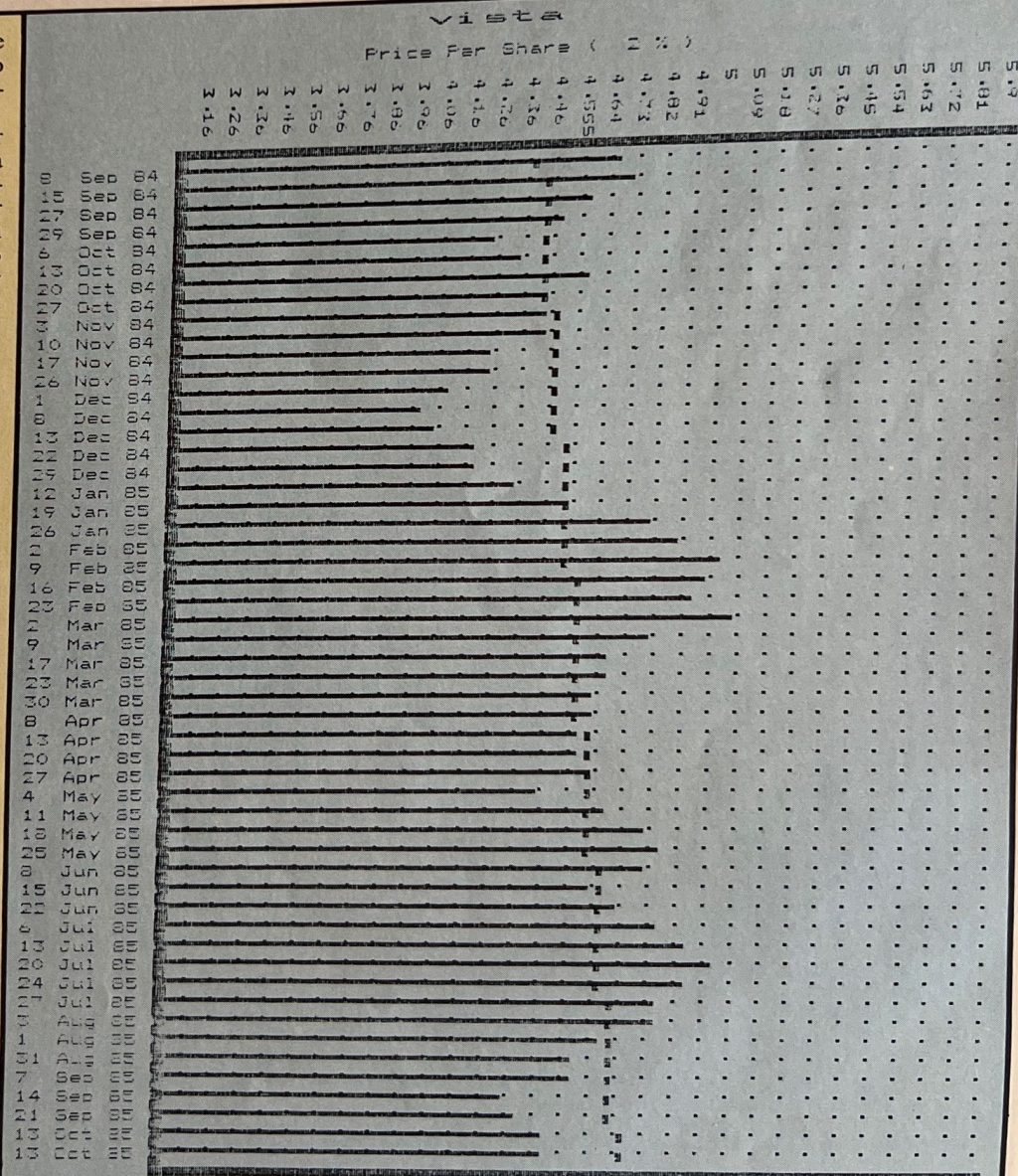
*Stock Tracker* keeps track of your investments. Through weekly input, a record can be kept of your stock's price-per-share trend, its current value, your current profit (or loss) and how much you have invested. The program is set up to track 10 stocks. If you have more, copy the program to a separate disk and use it for the additional stocks.

*Stock Tracker* has three main parts. Stock Trend Input allows you to enter the current price-per-share for all your stocks. It displays a chart that shows the weekly price trend of your stock (provided data is entered once a week) and the number of shares owned over the past year.

A break-even line is plotted to show the current price-per-share at which your invested amount just equals your stock value. If the stock trend is above the line you are in the black, but if it's below the line you are in the red. Several people advise that it is a good time to buy when you are below this line since it lowers your dollar cost average. This is true only if the stock is expected to rise in the future.

If you'd like, a hard copy of the price trend graph, which covers the entire data set for the stock, can be printed. A regression line is drawn on the graph showing the averaged trend of the stock. The printer codes are set up for a Gemini-10X and the program uses the following features: downloadable characters, adjusta-

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ble vertical motion index, double width, enhanced or bold print and printer reset. These are the codes you'll need to change if you have a different printer. Each code sequence is commented to make this easier.

The second part of the program, Stock Value Display, displays on a simulated three-dimensional bar graph your stocks' current value, the amount you've invested, and your profits or losses. You have the option of changing the scale to get the most meaningful presentation. The scale options are 0-\$800, 0-\$8,000 and 0-\$80,000.

Also displayed in digital format is the total amount invested and your total profit or loss. The stock names displayed

under each bar graph contain the first three letters of the true name plus the last letter of the name. This was done since many stock names start with the same letters.

The third part of the program, Stock Transaction Input, allows you to enter stock purchases, sales and dividends. All files are updated for each transaction. There is also an option to print out a record of all your transactions for each stock.

Every stock has three separate files of data. The files with the extension .1ST hold all the trend data. Files with .STK hold the current amount invested and number of shares. Files with .PUR hold the record of all your stock transactions.

One other file holds the stock names (STKNAMES.DAT). All these files are initially created by the program when a new stock is opened.

*Stock Tracker* was written for a color screen and might need to be modified to look nice on a monochrome monitor. BASIC Version 1.32 and MS-DOS 2.11 were also used. Since this program is data dependent, the display charts won't show much until a database has been built up.

Since I'm an amateur in the stock market I probably left out some features that could be useful. If you think of anything to enhance this program, let me know. Good luck and feel free to call if you have problems with the program or changing printer codes.

#### The listing:

```
10 REM PROGRAM STOCK
20 REM By Robert J. Craig, 1225 W. Prspect Rd #f204, Fort Collins, CO 80526
30 REM 1-303-224-4079
40 REM *****
50 REM * This program stores stock data and displays it in several *
60 REM * modes. Input data consists of price-per-share data, stock *
70 REM * purchases and sales. Data is output in 3-D simulated bar *
75 REM * graph (stock values and amount invested), a line graph ( *
80 REM * stock price-per-share record for year ), and a printed bar *
85 REM * graph (stock price-per-share continuous record). The *
87 REM * printer codes are set up for a Gemini-10X. *
90 REM *****
100 REM *****
105 REM * DRAW INTRODUCTION SCREEN *
110 REM *****
115 COLOR 2,0
120 CLS:SYMBOL(226,2),"STOCK",5,4,6,0:SYMBOL(240,45),"Tracker",3,2,4,0
125 LOCATE 12,33,0:COLOR 2:PRINT "By Robert Craig":LOCATE 13,27:PRINT "1225 W. P
rospect Rd, #f204"
130 LOCATE 14,29:PRINT"Fort Collins, 80526"
135 LOCATE 15,33:PRINT"1-303-224-4079"
140 LOCATE 24,30:COLOR 3:PRINT "Loading data arrays";
160 DIM STOCK(3,208),ROTNUM(10,14),MONLEN(12),MON$(12),LPPPS(30)
170 GOSUB 13400
180 LOCATE 24,27:COLOR 4:PRINT SPACE$(55);TAB(27);"Press any key to continue";
185 IF INKEY$="" THEN 185
200 REM *****
205 REM * MAIN MENU *
210 REM *****
215 CLS:LOCATE 9,25:COLOR 6,0:PRINT "Push Number Of Selection"
220 LOCATE 12,30:COLOR 2:PRINT"1. Input weekly stock data"
225 LOCATE 14,30:PRINT"2. Display current stock information"
230 LOCATE 16,30:PRINT"3. Input stock purchases/sales"
232 LOCATE 18,30:PRINT"4. Open new stock file"
234 LOCATE 20,30:PRINT"5. Delete stock file"
235 LOCATE 22,30:PRINT"6. Return to operating system"
240 CHOICE=VAL(INKEY$):IF CHOICE=0 THEN 240 ELSE 245
245 IF CHOICE<7 THEN LOCATE CHOICE*2+10,29:COLOR ,7:PRINT CHOICE
250 COLOR ,0:FOR A=1 TO 500:NEXT A
255 ON CHOICE GOTO 300,400,700,900,1100
270 IF CHOICE=6 THEN SYSTEM
275 GOTO 200
290 REM *****
292 REM * STOCK TREND DISPLAY *
294 REM *****
300 CLS:COLOR 7,0:LOCATE 1,28,0:PRINT "STOCK INFORMATION DISPLAY"
305 LOCATE 5,1:COLOR 2:PRINT "Enter price-per-share for each stock shown."
310 LOCATE 6,1:PRINT "If PPS is not available, enter 0."
312 GOSUB 12300
315 GOSUB 11435
320 REM ***** Update stock files for each stock
325 LOCATE 24,1:COLOR 3:PRINT SPACE$(55);TAB(1);"Updating stock files, stand by.
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335 FOR A=0 TO STKNUM
340 SNAME$=NAME$(A)
342 PPS=PPS(A)
345 IF PPS(A)<>0 THEN GOSUB 10215:GOSUB 10125
355 NEXT A
360 REM ***** Display Data
365 FOR C=0 TO STKNUM
370 SNAME$=NAME$(C)
375 PPS=PPS(C)
380 GOSUB 10215:GOSUB 10090:GOSUB 10000
385 NEXT C
390 GOTO 200
400 REM *****
405 REM * STOCK VALUE DISPLAY *
410 REM *****
411 CLS:COLOR 7,0:LOCATE 1,30:PRINT "STOCK VALUE DISPLAY"
415 GOSUB 12390
430 LOCATE 5,1:COLOR 2:PRINT "Enter price-per-share for each stock shown."
435 LOCATE 6,1:PRINT "If PPS is not available, enter 0."
440 GOSUB 11435
445 REM ***** Load in stock data
450 TOTALCOST=0:TOTALVALUE=0
455 FOR A=0 TO STKNUM
460 OPEN "I",2,NAME$(A)+".stk"
465 INPUT#2,COST(A):INPUT#2,SHARES(A)
470 TOTALCOST=TOTALCOST+COST(A)
475 TOTALVALUE=TOTALVALUE+PPS(A)*SHARES(A)
480 CLOSE 2
485 NEXT A
490 PROFITS=TOTALVALUE-TOTALCOST
495 REM ***** Display stock information
500 FIRSTPASS=1
510 GOSUB 13200:GOSUB 13300
515 HEADINGS$="STOCK VALUES AS OF "+MON$+" "+DAY$+" 19"+RIGHT$(DATE$,2)
520 GOSUB 12000
530 FOR A=0 TO STKNUM
535 BAR=82+A*42
545 VALUE=COST(A):CB=3:CL=5:GOSUB 12175
550 BAR=94+A*42
555 VALUE=PPS(A)*SHARES(A):CB=2:CL=4:GOSUB 12175
565 LABEL$=LEFT$(NAME$(A),3)+RIGHT$(NAME$(A),1):GOSUB 12335
570 NEXT A
575 BAR=503:VALUE=TOTALCOST:CB=3:CL=5:GOSUB 12175
580 BAR=515:VALUE=TOTALVALUE:CB=2:CL=4:GOSUB 12175
585 LABEL$="TOTL":GOSUB 12335
590 BAR=546:VALUE=ABS(PROFITS)
595 IF PROFITS>0 THEN CB=3:CL=4 ELSE CB=4:CL=5
600 GOSUB 12175:LABEL$=" PRFT":GOSUB 12335
602 LOCATE 25,41:COLOR 7:PRINT "Spent- Profit- ";
604 LOCATE 25,47:COLOR 1,6:PRINT USING "#####.##";TOTALCOST;TAB(65);PROFITS;
605 A$=""
610 LOCATE 25,8,0:COLOR 4,0:PRINT "Options:";
615 WHILE VAL(A$)<1 OR VAL(A$)>4
620 LOCATE 25,20,0:COLOR 3:PRINT "1-Scale(0-800) ";:GOSUB 12505
625 LOCATE 25,20:PRINT "2-Scale(0-8000) ";:GOSUB 12505
630 LOCATE 25,20:PRINT "3-Scale(0-80000) ";:GOSUB 12505
635 LOCATE 25,20:COLOR 4:PRINT "4-Menu ";:GOSUB 12505
640 WEND
645 IF A$="4" THEN GOTO 200
650 ON VAL(A$) GOSUB 12430,12480,12455
655 A$="0":GOTO 615
700 REM *****
705 REM * INPUT STOCK PURCHASE OR SALE *
710 REM *****
715 CLS:COLOR 2,0:LOCATE 1,34,0:COLOR 7:PRINT "STOCK UPDATE"
717 GOSUB 12390
720 ORIGDATE$=DATE$
725 LOCATE 4,1:INPUT "Enter date of transaction(mm dd yy). ",A$
727 IF VAL(LEFT$(A$,2))>12 THEN 715
730 DATE$=A$:LOCATE 4,1:PRINT SPACE$(60)
735 STOCKAMOUNT=0:NEWSHARES=0
740 LOCATE 5,1:COLOR 2:INPUT (1) "Is this a stock purchase or sale,p/s? ",A$
745 IF A$="s" THEN GOSUB 13125
750 LOCATE 5,1:PRINT SPACE$(50);TAB(1);"Enter number of shares purchased."
755 LOCATE 6,1:PRINT "If purchase is dividends, begin number with d. "
760 LOCATE 5,35:COLOR 7:INPUT NEWSHARES$
765 IF LEFT$(NEWSHARES$,1)="d" THEN GOSUB 13075 ELSE GOSUB 13095
770 REM *****DETERMINE WHICH STOCK IS INVOLVED
775 LOCATE 8,1:PRINT "Push number of stock involved."

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780 FOR A=0 TO STKNUM
785   LOCATE 10+A,5:COLOR 2:PRINT USING "## &      &";A;NAMES$(A)
790 NEXT A
795 B$=INKEY$:IF B$="" THEN 795
800 IF VAL(B$)=<STKNUM THEN LOCATE 10+VAL(B$),5:COLOR 0,2:PRINT VAL(B$) ELSE 795
805 REM ***** INPUT STOCK FILES
810 LOCATE 8,1:COLOR 2,0:PRINT SPACES(55)
815 LOCATE 23,1:INPUT "Save new stock transaction,y/n? ",A$
820 IF A$<"y" THEN 870
825 OPEN "1",2,NAMES$(VAL(B$))+".stk"
830   INPUT#2, PREVSTOCKAMOUNT:INPUT#2, PREVSHARES
831   STOCKC=STOCKAMOUNT:SHARESC=NEWSHARES
835   STOCKAMOUNT=STOCKAMOUNT+PREVSTOCKAMOUNT
840   NEWSHARES=NEWSHARES+PREVSHARES
845   OPEN "o",3,NAMES$(VAL(B$))+".stk"
850   PRINT#3,USING "#####.###";STOCKAMOUNT:PRINT#3,USING "#####.###";NEWSHAR
ES
855   CLOSE 3
860 CLOSE 2
865 GOSUB 130000:REM update stock trend list
870 REM ***** RESET FOR MORE STOCK INPUTS
875 LOCATE 23,1:COLOR 2,0:PRINT SPACES(70);TAB(1);:INPUT "Anymore stock purchase
s to enter,y/n? ",A$
880 IF A$="y" THEN 700
882 LOCATE 23,1:PRINT SPACES(70);TAB(1);:INPUT "Would you like a record of purch
ases/sales,y/n? ",A$
883 IF A$="y" THEN GOSUB 13500
885 DATE$=ORIGDATE$
890 GOTO 200
900 REM *****
905 REM * OPEN NEW STOCK FILE *
910 REM *****
915 CLS:LOCATE 1,30,0:COLOR 7:PRINT"START NEW STOCK FILES"
917 ON ERROR GOTO 14000
920 GOSUB 12390
925 IF STKNUM<9 THEN GOTO 950
930 LOCATE 10,1:COLOR 4:PRINT "With this stock, you have exceeded the max number
of stocks the program can      handle. To track more stocks, copy program on to

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new disk and then enter new  stocks."
935 LOCATE 15,1:COLOR 1:PRINT "Press any key to return to menu."
940 AS=INKEY$:IF AS="" THEN 940
945 GOTO 200
950 LOCATE 5,1:COLOR 2:PRINT "Enter name of stock. Name must be eight character
s or less and it must be unique from other stocks stored.";
955 INPUT (8) STKNAME$
1000 REM *****Create .stk file
1005 OPEN "o",2,STKNAME$+".stk"
1010 PRINT#2,0:PRINT#2,0
1015 CLOSE 2
1020 REM ***** Add name to name file
1025 OPEN "o",2,"stknames.dat"
1030 PRINT#2,STKNUM+1
1035 FOR A=0 TO STKNUM
1040 PRINT#2,NAME$(A)
1045 NEXT A
1050 PRINT#2,STKNAME$
1055 CLOSE 2
1060 LOCATE 20,1:COLOR 3:PRINT "New file created under name ";STKNAME$;". "
1065 FOR A=1 TO 1500:NEXT A
1070 GOTO 200
1100 REM *****
1105 REM * DELETE STOCK *
1110 REM *****
1115 CLS:COLOR 7,0:LOCATE 1,32,0:PRINT "DELETE STOCK FILE"
1117 GOSUB 12390
1120 LOCATE 5,1:COLOR 2:PRINT "Push number of file to delete"
1125 FOR A=0 TO STKNUM
1130 LOCATE 10+A,5:COLOR 2:PRINT USING "## & ";A;NAME$(A)
1135 NEXT A
1140 BS=INKEY$:IF BS="" THEN 1140
1145 IF VAL(BS)=<STKNUM THEN LOCATE 10+VAL(BS),5:COLOR 0,2:PRINT VAL(BS) ELSE 11
40
1147 DELNAME$=NAME$(VAL(BS))
1150 FOR B=VAL(BS)+1 TO STKNUM
1155 NAME$(B-1)=NAME$(B)
1160 NEXT B

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1165 OPEN "o",2,"stknames.dat"
1170 PRINT#2,STKNUM-1
1175 FOR C=0 TO STKNUM-1
1180 PRINT#2,NAMES$(C)
1185 NEXT C
1190 CLOSE 2
1195 LOCATE 20,1:COLOR 3,0:PRINT "File ";DELNAME$;" has been deleted."
1200 FOR A=1 TO 1500:NEXT A
1205 GOTO 200
10000 REM ----- Display stock trend data -----
10005 MIN=STOCK(2,CT):MAX=MIN:COUNT=CT
10010 FOR A=BT TO 52
10020 IF STOCK(2,COUNT)>=MAX THEN MAX=STOCK(2,COUNT)
10025 IF STOCK(2,COUNT)<MIN THEN MIN=STOCK(2,COUNT)
10027 COUNT=COUNT+1
10030 NEXT A
10035 GOSUB 10935
10040 GOSUB 11285:' Plot line and display date
10045 ' Wait for option
10050 CHOICE=VAL(INKEY$):IF CHOICE=0 THEN 10050
10055 IF CHOICE=1 THEN GOSUB 10810
10060 IF CHOICE=2 THEN GOSUB 10760
10065 IF CHOICE=3 THEN GOSUB 10300
10070 IF CHOICE=4 THEN RETURN
10075 IF CHOICE=5 THEN CLS:GOTO 200
10080 GOTO 10050
10085 RETURN
10090 REM ----- Load stock data to array -----
10091 COUNT=0
10093 OPEN "i",2,SNAME$+".lst"
10095 WHILE NOT EOF(2)
10096 COUNT=COUNT+1
10097 INPUT#2,JD:INPUT#2,PPS:INPUT#2,SHARES
10100 STOCK(2,COUNT)=PPS:STOCK(3,COUNT)=SHARES
10104 STOCK(1,COUNT)=JD
10110 WEND
10115 CLOSE 2
10117 IF COUNT>52 THEN BT=1:CT=COUNT-51 ELSE BT=53-COUNT:CT=1
10120 RETURN
10125 REM ----- Update stock list -----
10140 GOSUB 13200
10145 OPEN "a",#2,SNAME$+".lst"
10150 PRINT#2,USING "#####";JD:PRINT#2,USING "###.##";PPS:PRINT#2,USING "####
.###";SHARES
10205 CLOSE 2
10210 RETURN
10215 REM ----- Load in current stock data -----
10220 OPEN "i",2,SNAME$+".stk"
10225 INPUT#2,STOCKCOST:INPUT#2,SHARES
10230 CLOSE 2
10235 RETURN
10300 REM ----- Print total stock history -----
10303 ESC$=CHR$(27):SUMPROD=0:SUMCOUNT=0:SUMSQR=0:COUNT=0:SUMPPTS=0
10305 OPEN "i",2,SNAME$+".lst"
10310 INPUT#2,NUM:INPUT#2,MIN:INPUT#2,NUM:MAX=MIN
10315 WHILE NOT EOF(2)
10320 INPUT#2,NUM:INPUT#2,PPS:INPUT#2,NUM
10325 IF PPS>=MAX THEN MAX=PPS ELSE IF PPS<MIN THEN MIN=PPS
10326 COUNT=COUNT+1:SUMPROD=SUMPROD+COUNT*PPS:SUMCOUNT=SUMCOUNT+COUNT
10327 SUMSQR=SUMSQR+COUNT^2:SUMPPTS=SUMPPTS+PPS
10330 WEND
10335 CLOSE 2:AVE=(MAX+MIN)/2:IC=AVE*.02:PC=.02
10337 LPRINT CHR$(14);TAB(20-LEN(SNAME$));SNAME$:'print title double width
10340 IF IC*30<=(MAX-MIN) THEN IC=(MAX-MIN)/30:PC=IC/AVE
10345 LPPPS(15)=AVE
10350 FOR A=15 TO 29:LPPPS(A+1)=INT((LPPPS(A)+IC)*100)/100:NEXT A
10355 FOR A=15 TO 2 STEP -1:LPPPS(A-1)=INT((LPPPS(A)-IC)*100)/100:NEXT A
10356 LPRINT:LPRINT:LPRINT TAB(30);"Price Per Share ( ";INT(PC*100);"% )"
10357 LPRINT ESC$;"A";CHR$(8);ESC$;"*";CHR$(0);:'set line feed 8/72" copy font
to download ram
10360 FOR A=1 TO 10:'load new numbers
10370 FOR B=1 TO 14:LPRINT CHR$(ROTRNUM(A,B));:NEXT B
10375 NEXT A:LPRINT ESC$;CHR$(36);CHR$(1);:'select download character set
10380 FOR A=1 TO 6
10385 FOR B=1 TO 30:LPRINT TAB(16+B*2);MID$(STR$(LPPPS(B)),A,1);:NEXT B
10387 LPRINT
10390 NEXT A:LPRINT ESC$;CHR$(36);CHR$(0);ESC$;"A";CHR$(6);:' cancel download ch
aracter set, set line feed 6/72"

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10395 LPRINT TAB(18);:FOR A=20 TO 80:LPRINT CHR$(239);:NEXT A:LPRINT
10400 B=46-(2/IC)*AVE:SLOPE=(SUMPROD-SUMCOUNT*SUMPPS/COUNT)/(SUMSQR-SUMCOUNT^2/C
OUNT):INTERCEPT=AVE-SLOPE*SUMCOUNT/COUNT
10402 COUNT=1
10405 OPEN "I",2,SNAME$+".1st"
10410 WHILE NOT EOF(2)
10415 INPUT#2,JD:INPUT#2,PPS:INPUT#2,SHARES:GOSUB 13300
10420 LPRINT TAB(16);CHR$(239);:FOR A=18 TO 76 STEP 2:LPRINT TAB(A);".":N
EXT A:LPRINT
10425 LPRINT USING "& & & &";TAB(5);DAY$;MON$;YEARS$;:LPRINT TAB(16);CHR
$(239);
10430 FOR A=17 TO ((2/IC)*PPS+B):LPRINT TAB(A);CHR$(231);:NEXT A
10432 YPOS=SLOPE*COUNT+INTERCEPT
10435 LPRINT TAB((2/IC)*YPOS+B);CHR$(234)
10440 COUNT=COUNT+1
10445 WEND:LPRINT TAB(16);CHR$(239)
10450 CLOSE 2
10455 LPRINT TAB(16);:FOR A=20 TO 80:LPRINT CHR$(239);:NEXT A:LPRINT
10470 LPRINT ESC$;"@":LPRINT:LPRINT:LPRINT:LPRINT:'reset printer
10495 RETURN
10760 REM ----- Display purchases -----
10762 COUNT=CT
10765 FOR A=BT TO 51
10770 FIRST=STOCK(3,COUNT)
10775 SECOND=STOCK(3,COUNT+1)
10780 IF ABS(FIRST-SECOND)<5 THEN 10797
10785 XPOS=78+A*8
10790 YPOS=16
10795 LINE (XPOS,176)-(XPOS,YPOS),4
10797 COUNT=COUNT+1
10800 NEXT A
10805 RETURN
10810 REM ----- Plot number of shares -----
10815 ' Plot right vertical scale
10817 IF STOCK(3,COUNT-1)>1000 THEN SCALE=500:EX=1 ELSE SCALE=50:EX=0
10820 FOR A=1 TO 20
10825 SYMBOL(492,173-A*8),"-",1,1,1,0
10830 SYMBOL(492,173-A*8),STR$(A*SCALE),1,1,6,0
10835 NEXT A
10840 LOCATE 7,68+EX:COLOR 6:PRINT "#"
10845 LOCATE 9,68+EX:PRINT "S"
10850 LOCATE 10,68+EX:PRINT "H"
10855 LOCATE 11,68+EX:PRINT "A"
10860 LOCATE 12,68+EX:PRINT "R"
10865 LOCATE 13,68+EX:PRINT "E"
10870 LOCATE 14,68+EX:PRINT "S"
10875 LOCATE 25,69:PRINT CHR$(196);CHR$(196);:COLOR 7:PRINT " # Shares";
10880 ' Plot number
10885 FLAG=0:COUNT=CT
10890 FOR A=BT TO 52
10900 XPOS=70+A*8
10905 YPOS=172-8*STOCK(3,COUNT)/SCALE
10910 IF YPOS<12 THEN YPOS=12
10915 IF FLAG=1 THEN LINE(XPOS,LASTYPOS+4)-(XPOS,YPOS+4),6
10920 IF A<52 THEN SYMBOL(XPOS,YPOS),CHR$(196),1,1,6,0
10925 LASTYPOS=YPOS:FLAG=1
10930 COUNT=COUNT+1
10935 NEXT A
10940 RETURN
10945 REM ----- Draw weekly stock graph -----
10950 CLS:WINDOW(0,0)-(639,199)
10955 VIEW(0,0)-(639,199),0,0
10960 ' Draw heading
10965 SYMBOL(136,1),"STOCK PRICE TREND",2,1,7,0
10970 LOCATE 1,60:COLOR 7:PRINT SNAME$
10975 ' Draw graph outlines
10980 LINE (72,176)-(72,16),2:LINE(71,176)-(71,16),2:LINE(70,176)-(70,16),2
10985 LINE (488,176)-(488,16),2:LINE(489,176)-(489,16),2:LINE(490,176)-(490,16),
2
10990 LINE (72,176)-(488,176),2:LINE(72,175)-(488,175),2
10995 ' Draw left vertical scale
11000 AVE=(MAX+MIN)/2
11005 INCREMENT=AVE/100 'increment is 1% of ave
11010 IF (MAX-MIN)/INCREMENT >80 THEN INCREMENT=INCREMENT+.05:GOTO 11000:REM mak
e sure we do not exceed chart length
11015 COUNTINCREMENT=INCREMENT*4
11020 IF AVE<10 THEN XPOS=24 ELSE XPOS=16
11025 SYMBOL (XPOS,93),STR$(INT(AVE*100)/100),1,1,3,0

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11020 SYMBOL(64,93),"-",1,1,1,0
11025 LINE(74,96)-(486,96),5
11030 VALUE=INT(AVE*100)/100:YPOS=93
11035 WHILE YPOS<=160
11040     VALUE=VALUE-COUNTINCREMENT
11045     YPOS=YPOS+8
11050     IF VALUE<10 THEN XPOS=24 ELSE XPOS=16
11055     SYMBOL (XPOS,YPOS),STR$(INT(VALUE*100)/100),1,1,3,0
11060     SYMBOL (64,YPOS),"-",1,1,1,0
11065     LINE (74,YPOS+3)-(486,YPOS+3),5
11070 WEND
11075 MINVALUE=VALUE
11080 VALUE=INT((AVE+.005)*100)/100:YPOS=93
11085 WHILE YPOS>16
11090     VALUE=VALUE+COUNTINCREMENT
11095     YPOS=YPOS-8
11100     IF VALUE<10 THEN XPOS=24 ELSE XPOS=16
11105     SYMBOL (XPOS,YPOS),STR$(INT(VALUE*100)/100),1,1,3,0
11110     SYMBOL (64,YPOS),"-",1,1,1,0
11115     LINE (74,YPOS+3)-(486,YPOS+3),5
11120 WEND
11125 ' Draw breakevan line
11130 YPOS=168-2*(STOCKCOST/SHARES-MINVALUE)/INCREMENT
11135 LINE(74,YPOS)-(486,YPOS),1
11140 ' Draw left vertical label
11145 LOCATE 4,1:COLOR 3:PRINT"P"
11150 LOCATE 5,1:PRINT"R"
11155 LOCATE 6,1:PRINT"I"
11160 LOCATE 7,1:PRINT"C"
11165 LOCATE 8,1:PRINT"E"
11170 LOCATE 10,1:PRINT"P"
11175 LOCATE 11,1:PRINT"E"
11180 LOCATE 12,1:PRINT"R"
11185 LOCATE 14,1:PRINT"S"
11190 LOCATE 15,1:PRINT"H"
11195 LOCATE 16,1:PRINT"A"
11200 LOCATE 17,1:PRINT"R"
11205 LOCATE 18,1:PRINT"E"
11210 LOCATE 23,69:PRINT CHR$(196);CHR$(196);:COLOR 7:PRINT " PPS"
11215 LOCATE 24,69:COLOR 1:PRINT CHR$(196);CHR$(196);:COLOR 7:PRINT " BE"
11220 ' Draw control box
11225 LINE (556,40)-(638,168),2,B
11230 LOCATE 5,71:COLOR 7:PRINT "OPTIONS:"
11235 LOCATE 7,71:PRINT "1-Display"
11240 LOCATE 8,71:PRINT " Shares"
11245 LOCATE 10,71:PRINT "2-Display"
11250 LOCATE 11,71:PRINT "Purchases"
11255 LOCATE 13,71:PRINT "3-Print"
11260 LOCATE 14,71:PRINT " Data"
11265 LOCATE 16,71:PRINT "4-Next"
11270 LOCATE 17,71:PRINT " Chart"
11275 LOCATE 19,71:COLOR 4:PRINT "5-Menu"
11280 RETURN
11285 REM ----- Plot pps chart -----
11290 FLAG=0:COUNT=CT
11295 FOR A=BT TO 52
11300     YPOS=164-2*(STOCK(2,COUNT)-MINVALUE)/INCREMENT
11310     XPOS=70+A*8
11315     IF FLAG=1 THEN LINE(LASTXPOS,LASTYPOS+4)-(XPOS,YPOS+4),3
11320     JD=STOCK(1,COUNT):GOSUB 13300
11324     IF LEN(DAYS)=2 THEN D$="0" ELSE D$=MID$(DAYS,2,1)
11325     SYMBOL(XPOS-2,177),D$,1,1,7,0
11330     SYMBOL(XPOS-2,185),RIGHT$(DAYS,1),1,1,7,0
11335     SYMBOL(XPOS-2,193),LEFT$(MON$,1),1,1,6,0
11340     LASTYPOS=YPOS:FLAG=1:LASTXPOS=XPOS
11342     COUNT=COUNT+1
11345 NEXT A
11350 RETURN
11355 REM ----- Draw right vertical scale -----
11360 FOR A=1 TO 20
11365     SYMBOL(488,176-A*8),"-",1,1,5,0
11370     SYMBOL(496,176-A*8),50*A-50,1,1,5,0
11375 NEXT A
11380 RETURN
11435 REM ----- Input Price-Per-Share -----
11440 FOR A=0 TO STKNUM
11445     LOCATE 10+A,5:COLOR 2:PRINT USING "## &      &";A;NAME$(A);
11450     COLOR 7:INPUT PPS(A)
11455 NEXT A

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11460 LOCATE 24,1:COLOR 4:INPUT "Does input data look correct,y/n? ",A$
11465 WHILE A$="n"
11470 LOCATE 24,1:PRINT SPACE$(50)
11475 LOCATE 24,1:COLOR 2:INPUT "Enter the number of the bad price-per-share.
",BADNUM
11480 LOCATE 10+BADNUM,15:PRINT SPACE$(50)
11485 LOCATE 24,1:PRINT SPACE$(50);TAB(1);"Enter price-per-share. "
11490 LOCATE 10+BADNUM,15:INPUT PPS(BADNUM)
11495 LOCATE 24,1:PRINT SPACE$(50);TAB(1);"Does input data look correct,y/n?
";
11497 COLOR 7:INPUT A$
11500 WEND
11505 RETURN
12000 REM ----- Draw empty bar graph -----
12005 CLS:WINDOW (0,0)-(639,199)
12010 VIEW (1,1)-(639,199),0,0
12015 GOSUB 12350
12020 REM *****DRAW CHART BASE
12025 LINE(60,180)-(576,180),1
12030 LINE(76,176)-(576,176),1
12035 LINE(576,180)-(576,176),1
12040 LINE(60,180)-(76,176),1
12045 LINE(576,180)-(592,176),1
12050 PAINT(70,179),6,1
12055 REM *****DRAW LEFT CHART SIDE
12060 LINE(60,180)-(60,20),1
12065 LINE(76,176)-(76,16),1
12070 LINE(60,20)-(76,16),1
12075 PAINT(61,179),6,1
12080 REM *****DRAW RIGHT CHART SIDE
12085 LINE(576,180)-(576,20),1
12090 LINE(592,176)-(592,16),1
12095 LINE(576,20)-(592,16),1
12100 PAINT(578,178),6,1
12105 GOSUB 12370:REM *****draw vertical hatching
12110 REM *****DRAW VERTICAL SCALE
12115 SYMBOL(45,177),"0-",1,1,1,0
12120 FOR A%=1000 TO 8000 STEP 1000:SYMBOL (13,177-(A%/500)),STR$(A%)+"-",1,1,1,0
:NEXT A%
12125 SYMBOL(1,50),"D",1,1,7,0
12130 SYMBOL(1,60),"O",1,1,7,0
12135 SYMBOL(1,70),"L",1,1,7,0
12140 SYMBOL(1,80),"L",1,1,7,0
12145 SYMBOL(1,90),"A",1,1,7,0
12150 SYMBOL(1,100),"R",1,1,7,0
12155 SYMBOL(1,110),"S",1,1,7,0
12160 SYMBOL(608,20),"Ü",1,1,3,0:SYMBOL(613,28),"-COST",1,1,7,1
12165 SYMBOL(608,80),"Ü",1,1,2,0:SYMBOL(613,88),"-VALUE",1,1,7,1
12170 RETURN
12175 REM ----- Display data on bar graph -----
12180 IF VALUE<=0 THEN RETURN
12185 IF FIRSTPASS>0 THEN A$="2":FIRSTPASS=0
12190 ON VAL(A$) GOTO 12195,12210,12230
12195 IF VALUE<20 THEN VALUE=20
12200 IF VALUE>800 THEN VALUE=800
12205 GOTO 12245
12210 IF VALUE<200 THEN VALUE=200
12215 IF VALUE>8000 THEN VALUE=8000
12220 VALUE=VALUE/10
12225 GOTO 12245
12230 IF VALUE<2000 THEN VALUE=2000
12235 IF VALUE>80000 THEN VALUE=80000
12240 VALUE=VALUE/100
12245 VALUE=180-VALUE/5
12250 REM *****DRAW BAR OUTLINE
12255 LINE(BAR+12,180)-(BAR+24,176),CL
12260 LINE(BAR,VALUE)-(BAR+12,VALUE-4),CL
12265 LINE(BAR+12,VALUE-4)-(BAR+24,VALUE-4),CL
12270 LINE(BAR,180)-(BAR+12,180),CL
12275 REM *****DRAW LEFT AND RIGHT VERTICALS
12280 LINE(BAR,180)-(BAR,VALUE),CL
12285 LINE(BAR+24,176)-(BAR+24,VALUE-4),CL
12290 REM *****PAINT IN BAR COLOR
12295 PAINT (BAR+8,179),CB,CL:PAINT (BAR+22,175),CB,CL
12300 LINE(BAR+1,176)-(BAR+22,176),CB
12305 REM *****DRAW BAR OUTLINES
12310 LINE(BAR,VALUE)-(BAR+12,VALUE),CL
12315 LINE(BAR+12,VALUE)-(BAR+24,VALUE-4),CL
12320 LINE(BAR+12,VALUE)-(BAR+12,180),CL

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12325 LINE(BAR,180)-(BAR+14,180),1
12330 RETURN
12335 REM ----- Draw labels on bar graph -----
12340 SYMBOL(BAR-12,183),LABEL$,1,1,7,0
12345 RETURN
12350 REM ----- Draw bar graph heading -----
12355 SYMBOL(100-LEN(HEADINGS)/2,1),"UUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUU",2,1,0,0
12360 SYMBOL(100-LEN(HEADINGS)/2,1),HEADINGS$,2,1,7,0
12365 RETURN
12370 REM ----- Draw vertical hatching -----
12375 FOR A=170 TO 20 STEP -10:LINE(60,A)-(76,A-4),1:LINE(78,A-4)-(575,A-4),7:NE
XT A
12380 LINE(576,16)-(591,16),7
12385 RETURN
12390 REM ----- Load in stock names -----
12395 OPEN "1",2,"stknames.dat"
12400 INPUT#2,STKNUM
12405 FOR A=0 TO STKNUM
12410 INPUT#2,NAMES$(A)
12415 NEXT A
12420 CLOSE 2
12425 RETURN
12430 REM ----- Draw scale 0-800 -----
12435 LINE(78,16)-(576,175),0,BF:GOSUB 12370
12440 FOR A=10000 TO 80000 STEP 10000:SYMBOL (8,177-(A/5000)), "UUUUUU",1,1,0,0:N
EXT A
12445 FOR A%=100 TO 800 STEP 100:SYMBOL (21,177-(A%/5)),STR$(A%)+"-",1,1,1,0:NEX
T A%
12450 RETURN 530
12455 REM ----- Draw scale 0-80000 -----
12460 LINE(78,16)-(576,175),0,BF:GOSUB 12370
12465 FOR A=10000 TO 80000 STEP 10000:SYMBOL (8,177-(A/5000)), "UUUUUU",1,1,0,0:N
EXT A
12470 FOR A=10000 TO 80000 STEP 10000:SYMBOL (8,177-(A/5000)),STR$(A),1,1,1,0:NE
XT A
12475 RETURN 530
12480 REM ----- Draw scale 0-8000 -----
12485 LINE(78,16)-(576,175),0,BF:GOSUB 12370
12490 FOR A=10000 TO 80000 STEP 10000:SYMBOL (8,177-(A/5000)), "UUUUUU",1,1,0,0:N
EXT A
12495 FOR A%=1000 TO 8000 STEP 1000:SYMBOL (13,177-(A%/500)),STR$(A%)+"-",1,1,1,0
:NEXT A%
12500 RETURN 530
12505 REM ----- Wait for keypressed -----
12510 FOR A=1 TO 500
12515 AS=INKEY$
12520 IF AS<>" " THEN RETURN 640
12525 NEXT A
12530 RETURN
13000 REM ----- Update purchases/sale list -----
13003 GOSUB 13200: calculate date
13004 ON ERROR GOTO 14100
13005 OPEN "1",2,NAMES$(VAL(B$))+".lst":OPEN "0",3,"TEMPFIL.LST":F=0: sort by d
ate
13008 WHILE NOT EOF(2)
13010 INPUT#2,SJD:INPUT#2,SPPS:INPUT#2,SSHARES
13011 IF SJD=JD AND F=0 THEN SPPS=PPS:F=1
13014 IF SJD>JD AND F=0 THEN PRINT#3,USING "#####";JD:PRINT#3,USING "###.###";
PPS:PRINT#3,USING "#####.###";NEWSHARES:F=1
13015 IF F=1 THEN SSHARES=NEWSHARES
13016 PRINT#3,SJD:PRINT#3,SPPS:PRINT#3,SSHARES
13018 WEND:CLOSE 2
13019 IF F=0 THEN PRINT#3,USING "#####";JD:PRINT#3,USING "###.###";PPS:PRINT#3,US
ING "#####.###";NEWSHARES
13020 CLOSE 3
13021 OPEN "1",2,"tempfil.lst":OPEN "0",3,NAMES$(VAL(B$))+".lst"
13022 WHILE NOT EOF(2)
13023 INPUT#2,SJD:INPUT#2,SPPS:INPUT#2,SSHARES
13024 PRINT#3,USING "#####";SJD:PRINT#3,USING "###.###";SPPS:PRINT#3,USING "##
###.###";SSHARES
13026 WEND:CLOSE 2:CLOSE 3
13045 OPEN "a",2,NAMES$(VAL(B$))+".pur"
13055 PRINT#2,L$:PRINT#2,USING "#####";JD:PRINT#2,USING "#####.###";PPS:PRINT#2
,USING "#####.###";SHARES:PRINT#2,USING "#####.###";STOCKC
13065 CLOSE 2
13070 RETURN
13075 REM ----- Dividend purchase -----
13080 LOCATE 6,1:PRINT SPACES(55):LOCATE 6,1:INPUT "Enter price-per-share of sto
ck purchased. ",PPS

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13085 NEWSHARES=VAL(MID$(NEWSHARES$,2,LEN(NEWSHARES$)))
13087 L$="DP"
13090 RETURN
13095 REM ----- Stock purchase -----
13100 NEWSHARES=VAL(NEWSHARES$)
13105 LOCATE 7,1:COLOR 2:PRINT"Enter amount paid for stock. "
13110 LOCATE 7,30:COLOR 7:INPUT STOCKAMOUNT
13115 PPS=STOCKAMOUNT/NEWSHARES
13117 L$="P"
13120 RETURN
13125 REM ----- Stock sale -----
13130 LOCATE 5,1:PRINT SPACE$(55):LOCATE 5,1:INPUT "Enter number of shares, price per share. ",NEWSHARES,PPS
13135 STOCKAMOUNT=-1*NEWSHARES*PPS:NEWSHARES=NEWSHARES*-1
13137 L$="S"
13140 RETURN 770
13200 REM ----- Encode julian date -----
13205 POS1=INSTR(DATE$,"-")
13210 MON=VAL(LEFT$(DATE$,POS1-1))
13215 POS2=INSTR(POS1+1,DATE$,"-")
13220 DAY=VAL(RIGHT$(DATE$,POS2+1))
13222 YEAR=VAL(RIGHT$(DATE$,2))
13225 JD=MONLEN(MON)+DAY+YEAR*10000
13230 RETURN
13300 REM ----- Decode julian date -----
13305 JD$=STR$(JD)
13310 JD=VAL(MID$(JD$,4,LEN(JD$)))
13315 YEAR$=MID$(JD$,2,2)
13320 FOR D=12 TO 1 STEP -1
13325 IF JD>MONLEN(D) THEN MON$=MON$(D):DAY$=STR$(JD-MONLEN(D)):RETURN
13330 NEXT D
13335 RETURN
13400 REM ----- Load arrays -----
13402 RESTORE
13405 FOR A=1 TO 10
13410 FOR B=4 TO 14
13412 ROTNUM(A,1)=27:ROTNUM(A,2)=42:ROTNUM(A,3)=1
13415 READ ROTNUM(A,B)

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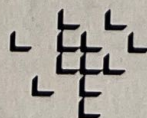
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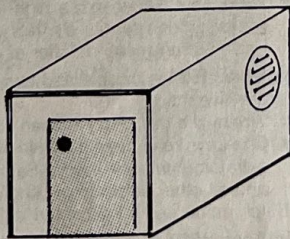
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13420 NEXT B
13425 NEXT A
13430 FOR A=1 TO 12
13435 READ MONLEN(A),MON$(A)
13440 NEXT A
13445 DATA 49,0,62,0,8,0,8,0,14,0,8,50,0,126,0,4,8,16,32,0,66,60,51,0,126,64,32,
16,8,16,32,64,126
13450 DATA 52,0,32,0,32,94,32,4,32,8,48,53,0,62,64,0,64,62,0,2,0,126,54,0,60,66,
0,66,60,2,4,8,16
13455 DATA 55,0,4,0,8,0,16,0,32,0,126,56,0,60,66,0,66,60,66,0,66,60,57,0,8,16,32
,0,60,66,0,66,60
13460 DATA 48,0,24,36,66,0,66,0,66,36,24
13465 DATA 0,"Jan",31,"Feb",59,"Mar",90,"Apr",120,"May",151,"Jun",181,"Jul",212,
"Aug",243,"Sep",273,"Oct",304,"Nov",334,"Dec"
13470 RETURN
13500 REM ----- Print purchase/sale list -----
13505 ESC$=CHR$(27)
13510 LPRINT TAB(20);"Record of stock transactions"
13515 LPRINT TAB(20);"for ";ESC$;CHR$(69);NAME$(VAL(B$))
13520 LPRINT ESC$;CHR$(70);LPRINT:LPRINT
13521 LPRINT "Action";TAB(15);"Julian Date";TAB(33);"PPS";TAB(49);"Shares";TAB(6
4);"Amount"
13525 OPEN "i",2,NAME$(VAL(B$))+".pur"
13530 WHILE NOT EOF(2)
13535 INPUT#2,C$:INPUT#2,JD:INPUT#2,PPS:INPUT#2,SHARES:INPUT#2,STOCKAMOUNT
13540 LPRINT C$,JD,PPS,ABS(SHARES),ABS(STOCKAMOUNT)
13545 WEND
13550 CLOSE 2
13555 RETURN
14000 REM ----- First run -----
14005 STKNUM=-1
14010 RESUME 950
14100 REM ----- File .lst not found -----
14105 OPEN "o",2,NAME$(VAL(B$))+".lst"
14110 PRINT#2, USING "#####";JD:PRINT#2, USING "###.###";PPS:PRINT#2, USING "#
###.###";NEWSHARES
14115 CLOSE 2
14120 RESUME 13045

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An illustration of a hand holding a yellow card. The card has the title 'Master Menu' in a large, elegant script font. Below the title is the author's name 'By Dale E. Baker'. The card contains a quote from Dale Baker about his BASIC program and a description of the program's features. The background is a dark, textured surface.

# Master Menu

By Dale E. Baker

*“All right, got a new BASIC program. I’ll just put it on this disk with about 100 other programs. Say, what’s this program doing here, and what the heck does it do?”*

*Dale Baker is a medic in the United States Air Force, currently stationed at Altus Air Force Base in Oklahoma. He purchased his first computer, a Sanyo 555, in Tokyo, Japan three years ago and has never regretted it. He programs in dBASE II and plays around with BASIC.*

*So this is where I hid that utility! “One of these days I’ll get organized yet. Think I’ll take this menu program that’s been floating ’round and try to put these programs in some order, but let’s see, I’ll have to change this, and if I do that, then this won’t work!”*

*Sound familiar? I finally got tired of modifying menus to fit my programs and disks, so I put together a menu program that easily adapts to new programs and includes a brief description of each program, because I could no longer remember what DEMO.BAS does.*

*Master Menu to the rescue! It allows*



you to create nine separate menus on a disk with up to 26 programs controlled by each menu. The reason for those limits is that I wanted to press only a single key to run a program (necessity may be the mother of invention, but laziness is most assuredly the father). One could add 26 more programs to each menu by using lowercase letters, if desired.

*Master Menu* is written in blocks, as indicated by the remarks, each block performs a specific function then returns to the controlling block. I don't know if this is good programming, but it works. After typing in and debugging the program, you'll want to see how it runs, so I'll talk you through the blocks.

When the program is first run, it looks for a data file titled MENU.1; if this file doesn't exist it lets you know and takes you to the menu generation routine. For this reason, always create MENU.1 as your first menu — all you have to do is enter the number and *Master Menu* does the rest.

• Block 1, lines 10-60: Nothing complex here. Line 40 sets up function key 11

(CTRL-I) to return to *Master Menu* after running a program. I chose key 11 because a lot of programs I use make use of the 10 normal function keys.

• Block 2, lines 80-310: Line 120 takes us to Block 5 to check for existence of MENU.1; if it doesn't exist then it takes to blocks 4, 7 and 8. The rest of Block 2 draws the menu on the screen.

• Block 3, lines 310-440: This is the controlling portion, where you tell *Master Menu* you want to run a program, load a different menu, create/modify an existing menu or quit.

• Block 4, lines 460-600: This subroutine tells what menus are on the disk and lets you decide which menu to create or modify.

• Block 5, lines 620-760: Each menu, MENU.1 for example, is really just a data file for *Master Menu*. This subroutine opens the chosen menu and loads the menu's title, with up to 26 descriptions and 26 programs into variables.

• Block 6, lines 780-1040: Displays the information loaded in Block 5 and gives you the option of making changes or not.

• Block 7, lines 1060-1400: First, the menu's title is displayed and you are offered the opportunity to change it. Next, each description and the program it goes with is displayed. You may press CR (the RETURN key) to skip to the next description/program, '\*' to make changes or ESC to return to the main menu.

• Block 8, lines 1420-1540: Block 7 runs into Block 8. This block deletes the old version of the menu and stores the new version on disk.

### Other Notes

Because *Master Menu* may open up to nine separate menu data files, you must load BASIC this way BASIC "MM"/F:9. Since Line 40 sets up key 11, you should name this program MM.BAS. Finally, when returning to *Master Menu* from another program, always return to MENU.1, even if you started from MENU.9.

If anyone has any comments, questions or ideas, write me at 122 Echo Street, Altus AFB, OK 73521, phone: (405) 477-3547.

### The listing:

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10 'MASTER MENU PROGRAM
20 '20 NOV 85   DALE E. BAKER, TSGT, USAF
30 KEY 11,"RUN "+CHR$(34)+"MM"+CHR$(13)      '<CTRL 1> restarts MasterMenu
40 DIM A$(26)
50 DIM B$(26)
60 '
70 '--->Draw Menu
80 '
90 IF N$="" THEN N$="1"
100 IF N=0 THEN N=1
110 GOSUB 610:IF A$(1)="" THEN CLS: PRINT "MENU NOT AVAILABLE.   PRESS ANY KEY T
O CREATE MENU.";N$ ELSE GOTO 140
120 W$=INPUT$(1)
130 GOSUB 1050
140 CLS
150 PRINT CHR$(201);STRING$(78,CHR$(205));CHR$(187);
160 PRINT CHR$(186);STRING$(33," ");"MasterMenu";STRING$(35," ");CHR$(186);
170 LOCATE 2,50:PRINT T$
180 PRINT CHR$(204);STRING$(78,CHR$(205));CHR$(185);
190 FOR X=1 TO 17
200 PRINT CHR$(186);STRING$(78," ");CHR$(186);
210 NEXT
220 PRINT CHR$(200);STRING$(78,CHR$(205));CHR$(188);
230 Y=4:Z=1:FOR X=1 TO 13:LOCATE Y,5:PRINT CHR$(64+Z)+" "+A$(Z):Z=Z+1:Y=Y+1:NEXT
X
240 Y=4:Z=1:FOR X=1 TO 13:LOCATE Y,45:PRINT CHR$(77+Z)+" "+A$(Z+13):Z=Z+1:Y=Y+1:
NEXT X
250 LOCATE 18,5,0:PRINT "<A-Z> to select Programs          <1-9> to Load a
Menu"
260 LOCATE 20,5:PRINT "   <ESC> to Quit                      <*> to Create/U
pdate Menu"
270 LOCATE 22,16,0:PRINT "To return to menu after running a program press:"
280 LOCATE 24,37,0:PRINT "<CTRL 1>"
290 '
300 '--->Input Choice
310 '
320 M$=INPUT$(1)
330 IF M$=CHR$(27) THEN SYSTEM
340 IF M$=CHR$(42) THEN GOSUB 450:GOSUB 610:GOSUB 770 ELSE GOTO 370
350 IF C$="Y" THEN GOSUB 1050:GOSUB 770
360 IF C$="N" THEN GOTO 90

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370 IF INSTR("123456789",M$) THEN 380 ELSE 390
380 T=VAL(M$):N=HEX$(T):N$=M$:CLS:GOSUB 610:GOTO 70
390 IF INSTR("ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ",M$) THEN 410
400 GOTO 320
410 X=INSTR("ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ",M$)
420 RUN B$(X)
430 GOTO 320
440 '
450 '--->Display Current Menu
460 '
470 CLS:LOCATE 2,20:PRINT "Master Menu Edit Routine"
480 LOCATE 4,1:PRINT "Current Menu's are:"
490 ON ERROR GOTO 570
500 PRINT:PRINT:FILES "A:MENU.?"
510 ON ERROR GOTO 0
520 LOCATE 10,28,0:PRINT "      Enter Menu #      "
530 N$=INPUT$(1)
540 IF VAL(N$)=0 GOTO 530
550 N=VAL(N$):LOCATE 10,48,0:PRINT N
560 GOTO 590
570 PRINT "No Menu's On This Disk"
580 RESUME NEXT
590 RETURN
600 '
610 '--->Open Chosen Menu and Input Data
620 '
630 FOR X=1 TO 26:A$(X)="":NEXT X
640 FOR X=1 TO 26:B$(X)="":NEXT X
650 T$=""
660 M$="MENU."+RIGHT$(N$,1)
670 ON ERROR GOTO 740
680 OPEN "I",#N,M$
690 INPUT #N,T$
700 FOR X=1 TO 26:INPUT #N,A$(X),B$(X):NEXT X
710 CLOSE
720 FOR X=1 TO 26:IF LEN(A$(X))=0 THEN A$(X)="":NEXT X
730 FOR X=1 TO 26:IF LEN(B$(X))=0 THEN B$(X)="":NEXT X
740 RESUME NEXT
750 RETURN
760 '
770 '--->Display Current Data on Screen
780 '
790 CLS:LOCATE 2,20,0:PRINT "Master Menu Edit Routine"
800 LOCATE 2,50,0:PRINT "CURRENT DATA"
810 IF T$="" THEN T$=" 'EMPTY'"
820 PRINT:PRINT"          Menu Title: ";T$
830 PRINT:PRINT "Description:" TAB(25)"Name:" TAB(45)"Description:" TAB(68)"Name
:"
840 Y=8
850 FOR X=1 TO 13
860 IF A$(X)="" THEN A$(X)=" 'EMPTY'"
870 IF B$(X)="" THEN B$(X)=" 'EMPTY'"
880 LOCATE Y,1:PRINT CHR$(64+X)+" "+A$(X) TAB(25) B$(X)
890 Y=Y+1
900 NEXT X
910 Y=8
920 FOR X=14 TO 26
930 IF A$(X)="" THEN A$(X)=" 'EMPTY'"
940 IF B$(X)="" THEN B$(X)=" 'EMPTY'"
950 LOCATE Y,45:PRINT CHR$(64+X)+" "+A$(X) TAB(68) B$(X)
960 Y=Y+1
970 NEXT X
980 LOCATE 24,20:PRINT "<*> = CHANGE      <ESC> = NO CHANGE"
990 W$=INPUT$(1)
1000 IF W$=CHR$(42) THEN C$="Y":GOTO 1030
1010 IF W$=CHR$(27) THEN C$="N":GOTO 1030
1020 GOTO 990
1030 RETURN
1040 '
1050 '--->Display and Enter/Alter Data
1060 '
1070 CLS:LOCATE 2,20:PRINT "Master Menu Edit Routine"
1080 LOCATE 15,10:PRINT " <CR> = SKIP  <*> = UPDATE  <ESC> = QUIT "

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1090 LOCATE 5,22:PRINT STRING$(23," "):LOCATE 7,22:PRINT STRING$(23," ")
1100 IF T$="" THEN T$=" 'EMPTY'"
1110 LOCATE 5,1,0:PRINT "Menu Title:",T$
1120 W$=INPUT$(1)
1130 IF W$=CHR$(13) GOTO 1180
1140 IF W$=CHR$(27) GOTO 1530
1150 IF W$=CHR$(42) LOCATE 6,1:PRINT "Enter New Title": LOCATE 7,1:PRINT STRING$
(20,CHR$(219)):LOCATE 7,1,1:LINE INPUT(20);E$
1160 T$=E$:LOCATE 5,1:PRINT STRING$(45," "):LOCATE 6,1:PRINT STRING$(40," "):LOC
ATE 7,1:PRINT STRING$(40," "):GOTO 1180
1170 GOTO 1120
1180 LOCATE 5,1,0:PRINT "Program Description: "
1190 LOCATE 7,1,0:PRINT "Program Name[*.BAS]: "
1200 LOCATE 9,1,0:PRINT "Program Number : "
1210 FOR X=1 TO 26
1220 IF A$(X)="" THEN A$(X)=" 'EMPTY'"
1230 IF B$(X)="" THEN B$(X)=" 'EMPTY'"
1240 LOCATE 5,22,0:PRINT STRING$(23," "):LOCATE 7,22,0:PRINT STRING$(23," ")
1250 LOCATE 5,22,0:PRINT A$(X)
1260 LOCATE 7,22,0:PRINT B$(X)
1270 LOCATE 9,25,0:PRINT X
1280 W$=INPUT$(1)
1290 IF W$=CHR$(13) GOTO 1390
1300 IF W$=CHR$(42) GOTO 1330
1310 IF W$=CHR$(27) THEN X=26:GOTO 1390
1320 GOTO 1280
1330 LOCATE 5,22,0:PRINT STRING$(20,CHR$(219))
1340 LOCATE 7,22,0:PRINT STRING$(12,CHR$(219))
1350 LOCATE 5,22,1:LINE INPUT(20);C$
1360 LOCATE 7,22,1:LINE INPUT(12);D$
1370 A$(X)= C$:B$(X)= D$
1380 LOCATE 5,22,0:PRINT STRING$(23," "):LOCATE 7,22,0:PRINT STRING$(23," ")
1390 NEXT X
1400 '
1410 '---->Delete Old Menu and Store New Menu
1420 '
1430 KILL M$
1440 OPEN "A",#N,M$
1450 PRINT #N,T$
1460 FOR X=1 TO 26
1470 IF A$(X)="" 'EMPTY' THEN A$(X)=""
1480 PRINT #N,A$(X)
1490 IF B$(X)="" 'EMPTY' THEN B$(X)=""
1500 PRINT #N,B$(X)
1510 NEXT X
1520 CLOSE
1530 RETURN

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## Correction

*Doctor Up Your Medical Records* (April 1986, Page 36): Bill Nieberding advises us that there is a typographical error in the text on Page 37. The two sentences at the end of the fourth paragraph should read as follows:

All characters between { and } should be typed with the GRAPH key enabled. Don't type the { or }.

## Correction

*Piggybacking* (April 1986, Page 20): Bob Jack has passed along two clarifications for this article. First of all, the memory chips should be rated at 120 nanoseconds (or better) access time. Second, in the "Trouble Shooting" section, pins 7, 9, 10 and 11 of the 74LS138 chip are referred to. The article states that pin 7 controls the lowest bank and 11 controls the highest bank. This was accidentally reversed; pin 11 controls the lowest bank and 7 handles the highest.



## SmartNotes — The Computerized 'Post-It' Pad

### Media Master — File Conversion without Wires

Ordinarily, if you wish to transfer a file between two machines of different formats, it is necessary to make the transfer electrically — hook the two machines together via the RS-232 ports, or modems, and send from one to the other. That's cumbersome, slow and not always satisfactory. *Media Master*, by Intersecting Concepts, Inc., allows transfer of files to your Sanyo 555 computer from any of a long list of machines, including the Sanyo CP/M and the Kaypro.

I tested *Media Master* on three different formats: the Kaypro II, Kaypro 10 and Xerox 820; all worked fine. The files were PASCAL source code, text files and *WordStar* files. All were transferred to a standard 360K MS-DOS disk. The PASCAL files were even compiled, without an error, using *Turbo PASCAL*.

BASIC files can also be transferred between machines so long as they have been saved using the ASCII option. Don't expect program files to run, though. The differences between the two dialects must be corrected first. If the program contains PEEKs and POKEs, chances are it will never run correctly unless you figure out exactly what was done in the original version and make it duplicate the same thing on your Sanyo.

Although *Media Master* can be useful for moving source code between machines, its primary use is for file transfer. As an example, the only difference between a Kaypro *WordStar* file and a Sanyo 555 *WordStar* file is the disk format. The Sanyo will not read a Kaypro disk and vice versa. All you need to do is load *Media Master*, tell it one of your drives is a Kaypro and the other an IBM DOS, and copy the Kaypro files to the DOS disk. Then you can call up *WordStar* and edit away. If you need to transfer your work back to the Kaypro disk, just reverse the procedure.

The version of *Media Master* I tested was ported to the 555, but the IBM version should run just fine on the 675, 775 and 885 Sanyo computers. The 555 version runs only on the 555, so if you have both the 555 and one of the 100 percent compatibles, you'll have to decide which to buy.

The documentation is well-done and attractively typeset in a 42-page booklet with a vinyl cover. Operational procedure is explained in a straightforward manner. The manual does assume an IBM PC, so whenever you see IBM, just mentally substitute Sanyo 555.

If you have any need at all to transfer files from one format to another, I don't see how you could go wrong with *Media Master*.

(Intersecting Concepts, Inc., 4573 Heatherglen Ct., Moorpark, CA 93021, 805-529-5073, \$39.95)

— Jim Pile

Everywhere I look I see people using those "Post-It" notes by 3M Company, the little (usually yellow) pieces of message paper with adhesive strip that stick to (and peel off of) just about anything. When the history of office communications is written, I suspect Post-It notes will go down with the invention of the QWERTY keyboard and the dictating machine as revolutionary products. Indeed, almost every piece of paper I get in my office has a Post-It note attached.

The trouble is that this only works when you have something onto which the Post-It note can be stuck. And, as one who uses a computer most of the time for writing, note-taking, appointment-making and the like, Post-It notes are just no help.

Enter *SmartNotes* from Personics Corporation, which runs on IBM-compatible systems (but not the 550).

*SmartNotes* is like Post-It notes for a computer. With this program, you can "attach" notes electronically to just about anything on your computer's screen and, thus, flag it for attention later on.

Take, for example, a letter you have written. It's a letter you can use over again, if you only change a few things here and there — references to a location, a certain product and so on. It is too much trouble to set it up as a mail merge-type document, but you just might mess up if you don't know where all the various pieces of information are buried. *SmartNotes*, which is a memory resident program, is very much like a pad of Post-It notes sitting by your side. All you do is press a key combination and, lo and behold, you can "stick" a note anywhere on the screen. Then, next time you go to that letter, all you have to do is call up the notes you made in the first place and make the changes you need. Presto!

One of the nice things about having a computer with a 20-megabyte hard disk is that there is a lot of storage space. Add a 10-megabyte disk cartridge system, as I have, and you've got a heck of a lot of storage space. You also seem to end up with a lot of files and directories that you don't know anything about! Thanks to *SmartNotes*, you can attach notes to the directories (or anything in DOS for that matter) just the same as you can attach them to, say, letters in an application. Now my computer has a neat notated list of directories that tells me just what is where: no more confusion!

The really nice thing is that you can set up notes with just a couple of keystrokes. You also have a lot of options as well, such as changing the size or color of notes, hiding notes, moving notes around the screen and changing the "context" of a note.

The context is important. *SmartNotes* does not change your application's file, but, instead, writes a separate file for the notes themselves. Each note then is "attached" to a place in your application based on the "context" of the place to which the note is to be pasted. There is a default for this, and you can usually leave it alone. But, as in the aforementioned example, with a DOS directory, the context would be so long that it would cover several lines. If you sorted the directory,



the "context" would be wrong and the note would not appear. So, you edit the context.

You can also page through an application (such as a letter in a word processor) using the page up/down keys and *SmartNotes* only stops when a note appears on the screen. If no notes are found, you are returned directly to your application.

Several utilities are included to list and print notes, open files and the like. Overall, *SmartNotes* has neat and well-thought out design and structure.

There is also a special mode for attaching notes to spreadsheet cells. This is important because, after all, spreadsheets were designed to be recalculated. When you recalculate, however, the "context" changes if you are using the straight text method of attachment used by other applications. Therefore, *SmartNotes* has a different way to do things, and this is a big advantage, too, because it allows you to recalculate, move, reformat and change ranges in a spreadsheet and keep all the notes in the right place.

*SmartNotes* is memory resident but does not, as far as I have been able to test, conflict with other memory resident programs — about four of which I use together. An important consideration is that it does not seem to care whether it is loaded first, last or in between — making it possible to accede to the requirements of more finicky utilities.

The manual is well-written and uses clear and ample graphics. I recommend this program very highly.

(Personics Corporation, 2352 Main Street, Building Two, Concord, MA 01742, 800-445-3311, \$79.95)

— Lonnie Falk

## Software review

# Macro\*Track Makes Reliable Economic Predictions

*Macro\*Track* is a software package that attempts to predict trends in the general economy. It applies these trends to individual areas of interest. It will predict domestic car sales, interest rates, government surplus and profits, among many others.

*Macro\*Track* is simple to use — I sat for hours just watching it plot the future of the automobile industry. After a while, I had to wonder why I would want to know these things anyway, so I started reading all the software's literature. I discovered that *Macro\*Track* is targeted more toward the business user than the average home computer hobbyist.

I ran the program periodically and watched the business section of the newspaper much more closely than I ever had before. I found that, in many areas, *Macro\*Track* made some amazingly accurate predictions; in a few other areas, it had not done quite so well. It works better in predicting very general trends than specific ones.

I'm no businessman, so in order to give *Macro\*Track* a fair shake, I consulted with several friends who are in business. They all agreed *Macro\*Track* did as good a job of predicting the general economic trends as any other method they had seen.

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One pointed out that a few months is not really enough time to thoroughly evaluate a package such as *Macro\*Track*.

I just had to ask the question, "What good is it?" The answer is that knowing the general route the economy is going to follow during the next quarter, or the next year, can be very useful to a businessperson. He needs to have an idea how the economy is likely to move so he can make decisions concerning his own business. He might want to increase or decrease his inventory based on future trends, move his investments into a different area, and so on.

In short, from a business point of view, *Macro\*Track* looks like a good buy. It does exactly what it claims to do (not all software does). Black River Software seems to be customer oriented and very helpful when called about one of their products. I called several times and didn't tell them I was reviewing their product. I would assume the polite, helpful comments I received are their usual way of doing business.

As for the software itself, there are a few minor problems I found distracting. Sometimes characters are left on the screen when it appears to me they should be removed. Some operations seem slower than necessary, but I don't know exactly how they are handling the screen, or how many calculations are necessary to get the information to the screen.

I don't consider the minor flaws to be at all serious, and I bow to the good judgment of my business friends who say they think *Macro\*Track* is an excellent package. Only hackers notice little dots on the screen anyhow.

(Black River Software, 118 N. Marshall, Suite 150,  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101, 919-924-6389, \$499.95)

— Jim Pile

## Software review

# Super Batch Takes Monotony out of Frequent Application Use

First you get a fresh cup of coffee then make sure there is plenty of paper for the printer. Next you forward all calls to the secretary, sit down at the computer, turn it on and you're ready for two hours of answering prompts to produce the weekly reports. Once again you think, "There has to be a better way." Merrill Street Software agrees with you. To back this up they have written *Super Batch*, an "MS-DOS Extended Batch File Utility."

The manual supplied with *Super Batch* starts with an overview of what the program can do. Although this part of the book reads like a sales brochure, it gives a good idea of just what *Super Batch* can and will do to make your Sanyo work for you.

*Super Batch* could be considered a "job control" language because you program it to run a program and pass keystrokes, data or both to the program as it requests it. This is done by creating an ASCII file with MS-DOS commands and keyboard entry in the sequence to run the job.

I did this by setting up a spreadsheet for *CalcStar*. Following the *Super Batch* manual's recommendation, I wrote down each entry as it was made, then built a *Super Batch* file using my

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text editor to enter what I did to set up the spreadsheet.

To run it, I typed in `SB TESTSC.SB` and pressed RETURN; *CalcStar* started, Column A expanded to 20 positions, the headings came up in Row 1 and were promptly written over by the asterisk I wanted displayed on Row 2.

*Super Batch* feeds an application program one character at a time, including carriage returns. It feeds data so fast that it has a WAIT command to slow the character release down by 1/10-second intervals. With this I could see *CalcStar* was receiving carriage returns that were moving the cursor at the wrong time. I found that entering each keystroke on a separate line was causing it to be followed by a carriage return. I changed the batch file from one keystroke per line to `*;f20<cr>` and it worked. The help screen went away, Column A expanded to 20 characters and the cursor stayed in Cell A1.

Once I figured out the difference between keystroke commands and input that requires a carriage return, setting up the batch file for *Super Batch* to run was easy. Watching *CalcStar* execute at the speed that *Super Batch* passes it commands and data made the work in setting it up worthwhile.

During my runs I encountered two problems, one of which required a call to Merrill Street Software. I asked Kenneth VanPelt, author of *Super Batch*, if there was something I was doing wrong since the first `;` in my command stream was disappearing, leaving `*;f20<cr>`. He said because *CalcStar* has a pause between its introduction screen and the startup of the spreadsheet screen, I should try the `@S` command to fake *CalcStar* into thinking the keyboard buffer was empty. Or, start with an extra `;`. The extra `;` worked.

The second problem has to do with the Sanyo 55x keyboard. To stop *Super Batch* in the middle of executing, press the ALT and F2 keys. To get the ALT key on a Sanyo, the SHIFT and CTRL keys are pressed at the same time. The combination of SHIFT/CTRL and PF2 on the 55x does not stop *Super Batch*.

"All this is nice but some of my reports require variable entry, like month or dollar amounts," you say. Fear not! *Super Batch* allows variable input by using the `@k` keyboard entry command. PF keys? Use `@e59` through `@e68` or `@e` and a number for any of the extended ASCII codes.

System requirements for *Super Batch* are a Video RAM Board (it won't run under the 55x standard video) and 70K over and above your application's memory requirement. It runs quite well in 256K and works with hard or floppy disks. It is not copy-protected.

The bottom line is that *Super Batch* will save time for anyone who uses an application that requires the same input each time it's run, whether it's daily or weekly reports or testing new programs. The manual is clear and easy to read, and Merrill Street has even included a quick reference card with the package.

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## Software review

### Opus — A Price and Performance Worth 'Communicating' About

*Opus* is a communications software package for the Sanyo 550 series. Hardware requirements above the basic system include a serial port and modem. The user must have MS-DOS 2.11 because of the program's extensive use of windows, part-screen scrolling, interrupt, etc. Also, this program includes versions for those users with and without the Video RAM Board.

*Opus* features are many and varied. This list is a sample of the features:

- Auto Logon
- Auto Keys
- XMODEM protocol (for ASCII and binary transfer)
- DC2/DC4 protocol (for ASCII transfer)
- Manual ASCII capture (to capture messages, etc.)
- Reset Baud (from 110 to 9600)
- Reset Data Frame (word length, stop bits, parity)
- Reset Duplex (full, half, echo, etc.)
- Disk Directory
- Type File (to screen or printer)
- Copy File (any drive)
- Delete, Rename File (any drive)
- Change Default Drive
- On-Screen Menus (extensive use of this feature)
- Windows (for additional menus)
- Interrupt driven fully buffered I/O

The set-up procedure is well-detailed and should pose no problems for the novice. If the user has the Video Board in the system, instructions are given for the use of the program *Sidekick*, by Borland International, to be used with *Opus*. I found that in following the instructions, all programs worked as described, including the *Sidekick* option. The procedure is to run *Sidekick*, the *SKGO* patch for the Video Board (supplied), then *Opus*. Also provided is an `AUTOEXEC.BAT` file to automate the process.

To fully grasp the power of the program and to make full use of its features, it is suggested that the manual be studied carefully. Each of the major functions is described in adequate detail; the novice user should feel very comfortable with this program only after using it one or two times.

It is evident from the package presentation that a substantial amount of time and effort has been placed in this program. The major goal of producing a solid XMODEM transfer has been achieved. In reviewing *Opus*, I was quite impressed.

It is also hard to believe that a program with this many features does not include a comparable price: it is only \$20. I highly recommend *Opus* to anyone who needs a communications program for the Sanyo 550 series computers. The price/performance ratio has to be the lowest anywhere!

(Bob Jack Software, 8371 White Road, Burbank, OH 44214, 216-948-2059, \$20)

— Edward Champion



## Quikpro+II Does the Programming for You

Now there is software that actually writes a program for you. This is the attraction of *Quikpro+II* from ICR FutureSoft. It produces error-free Sanyo BASIC programs for data management and reporting. With a small amount of user work, it writes a specific database input program, prints out a user's manual for that program and writes report-generating programs.

The user can readily comprehend how to operate *Quikpro+II* from the large print 81-page manual, which is both understandable and complete. In using the program, the main options are easily reached from a menu and further work is guided by easy-to-understand statements and questions with simple answers.

The first *Quikpro+II* option guides the user in designing an on-screen entry form for the desired database. As in common database programs, you specify the name of each field of information for storage and its size. A primary key field is assigned for faster data retrieval.

The fields that will only be for numbers may be indicated along with their format. Numeric fields may also be assigned a calculation formula using data entered in other fields, as in a simple spreadsheet. The database is given a name and in about 20 seconds a complete Sanyo BASIC program is written to disk.

This new program can be listed, modified, operated on another computer without the *Quikpro+II* program and even included as the data manipulation portion of another program. As a part-time BASIC programmer, I appreciate how the program code is well-designed, organized and documented with remarks. Data files are written in the fast random file format. In operating the new program, you may add, retrieve, change, delete or search for records. The search function supports searches for a given string of characters that occur in a specified field of any record or anywhere in the database.

Another *Quikpro+II* option generates a Sanyo BASIC program for preparing a report from the database. Two types of reports are possible. The "columnar" report form lists data from specified fields in the database in tabular format. Numeric fields may be summed at the bottom of the page. The "free-form" report form uses data from individual records interspersed with text material. This can be used, for example, to create business letters for multiple mailing or report cards for students. The free-form option operates as a bare-bones line editor.

Sometimes unfilled spaces in database fields result in gaps in a form letter, so care must be taken along the process to reduce this. *Quikpro+II* guides the user in the on-screen preparation of the form, then it takes over and writes the new program. A sorting routine is also written into each program. In operating the new program the user may select the records to include in the report according to the key field, or a search of the database according to a character string or a numeric value.

An extra utility of *Quikpro+II* allows use of databases that were created under a different database program if they are in ASCII.

ICR FutureSoft primarily considers *Quikpro+II* as a database program for non-programmers. It can also be useful for managers or consultants who need to quickly prepare database programs for data entry operators or clients.

*Quikpro+II*'s advantages appear to be its free-form report generator and its production of transportable BASIC programs.

According to ICR FutureSoft, no license fee is required for programs generated by *Quikpro+II* for sale or for use on computers other than the one for which it is licensed. Programmers should note that the manual provides no documentation for the BASIC code placed in the programs that *Quikpro+II* writes.

I was able to go through the entire operation manual in about two hours. After just 30 minutes, I had generated a data entry program for tracking vital data on customers, including a numeric field for a running total of year-to-date orders. Data entry was smooth and fast with my new program. After another 30 minutes I produced a new program to generate a columnar report form of customers. And it was just as easy to create a form letter program.

A minor problem was encountered with an extra blank sheet of paper being advanced for each printed page with my Panasonic KX-P 1091 printer. ICR suggested that I needed to insert alternate printer codes in the generated BASIC program, but they didn't say exactly how to make the correction.

*Quikpro+II* requires a two-drive Sanyo 555 series computer. It comes as two identical copy-protected diskettes; additional backups may be purchased for \$5 each. A 10-day money back guarantee is offered and the company claims only 3 percent of their purchasers ask for a refund. A toll-free order line is available at 1-800-824-7888, operator 441. Telephone support is available from their main office number.

(ICR FutureSoft, 1718 Kingsley Ave., P.O. Box 1446-SA, Orange Park, FL 32073, 904-269-1918, \$74.50 plus \$4.50 S/H)

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# You're the Winner when the

A simulation of "Othello," the popular board game, this program requires 128K of memory. The logic used for it was taken from a program I wrote to solve the age-old question of "The Knight's Tour." In this puzzle, the object is to place the knight of a chess set upon any square of the chessboard and move it in such a way that it lands upon each square of the board only once. In fact, the program for this is quite simple and might be fun for you to try.

If you are unfamiliar with the game of "Othello," the object is to end up with more of your chips on the board than those of your opponent, in this case the computer. Each player begins with two circles (chips) of his color on the board.

A move consists of placing one of your chips in such a way as to "trap" the computer's chips and thereby flip them. To trap a chip, place one of your chips so that at least one of the computer's chips is bordered at each end by one of your own chips. This trapping can involve only one chip or several chips.

When you play a chip, all the computer's chips between the one just played and your next chip are flipped. Chips in all directions that are affected by the chip just played may also be flipped. The game is over when there are no more empty squares, or there is no place to put a chip and trap the computer.

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## Program Description

The program begins on Line 10 by turning off the cursor using the LOCATE command. Lines 20-100 define the colors. This part makes the program much easier to understand. Following this, the program calls the subroutine at 4030. This subroutine is used to write out the titles for the game using the CIRCLE command. This part could be eliminated since it is just for cosmetic purposes.

Lines 120 through 530 initialize all the arrays and variables. Line 540 sends the program out to Line 1710 for the initial setup of play. Line 1710 first calls the subroutine at 3840. This subroutine is used to allow the player to select his color of chip for the game. After getting the color selection, the program calls the board to be generated (lines 590-800) and sets up the beginning board positions of the players' chips.

Line 1770 is the master routine. Depending upon whether you choose black or white, the program uses the routine located at Line 1790 or the routine at 1800. These routines are a WHILE/WEND structure.

## Game Play

Your plays are handled in the following manner: First, the program calls up the routines located at lines 1440, 1090 and 1360. These routines are used to display information on the screen such as score, rows, columns and general commands. Next, the program prompts for your column move.

It calls Line 2630 to get the move and, based upon what is entered, it calls various routines. If you enter Q, the program calls Line 1010 to ask if you want to play again. If you enter N, it calls up the routine at 2860. This routine checks through the board to see if there are any moves. If there are moves, it comes back with the message "I see a move, please look again." If there are no moves, it sets the flag PASS equal to true.

If '9' is selected, the game cancels your





# Chips are Down

By Gary Besaw and Tab Julius

## Variables

TEMPX	Used in selecting a column for the computer's move
TEMPY	Used in selecting a row for the computer move
TEMP1	Used for 'X' position to paint chips on the board
TEMP2	Used for 'Y' position to paint chips on the board
P	Your score
OP	The computer's score
ANS\$	Used for getting answers to prompts
PLAYSCORE	Used to hold your score
OPPSCORE	Used to hold computer's score
PLAYCOL	Your color
TURNCOLOR	The color of the current player
OTHERCOL	The opposite of the turncolor
OPPONCOL	The computer's color
VALID	Flag for a valid move
XSEARCH	Used for searching in the 'X' direction
YSEARCH	Used for searching in the 'Y' direction
XORG	The column location for the move
YORG	The row location for the move
BOARDSPOT	Used for determining the color of the playboard
CHECKX	Increment used in searching in the 'X' direction
CHECKY	Increment used in searching in the 'Y' direction
CHECKBOARD	Used to determine number of flips for computer
T and C	Counters
NOMOVES	Counts the number of times there have been no moves
CHOICE	The desired row and column entries
CHOICE\$	The INKEY\$ value of the choice
CANCELED	Flag for a canceled move
HOLD	The number of flips for computer for given square
HOLD1	Highest number of flips for computer
PASS	Flag for indicating a valid pass

## Arrays

PLAYBOARD	The eight-by-eight game board holding the color value of the chip at that location
SAMEX	Array used to hold all column moves that result in the same number of flips for the computer
SAMEY	Array used to hold all 'Y' moves that result in the same number of flips for the computer
PRIORITY	The priority of the board positions. Used to help decide on best move
DIRECTION	The array that holds all the possible moves from any spot on the board



move and lets you enter a new one. A number from '1' through '8' is accepted from the INKEY\$ by using the VAL option. After getting your column selection, the process is repeated for the row.

Next, the program takes your column and row position, now held in the variables XORG and YORG, and checks to see if it is a valid move. This is checked in the routine located at Line 1920. It works by taking your move position and searching in each of the eight directions to see whether the computer has a chip next to this spot.

If so, it continues going out in that direction (using the routine at Line 2060) counting how many chips of the computer's it finds until it reaches your next chip. If it does not find one of yours at the other end of the chips, it discards that direction and searches the next. If it finds your chip out there, it uses the FOR/NEXT loop at Line 2170 to flip the computer's chips. What it actually does is let the array PLAYBOARD take on your color for those positions where the chips are located.

The program continues flipping chips, if any, in all eight directions until all chips have been flipped. If no chip is flipped, the move is not valid and the flag VALID returns the value not true. If the value is not true, the program beeps (Line 2550) and asks you to enter a new move. If it is a good move, the program calls up the routine at Line 820 to paint the updated board.

### The Computer's Move

The computer's moves are controlled by the routine beginning at Line 3160. It begins by searching the board one square at a time to see if any are empty. It does this by using nested FOR/NEXT loops — the outer loop is XORG, the inner loop is YORG.

If it finds an empty square, it begins to search in each of the eight directions to see if one of your chips is next to it. If one is, it calls the routine at Line 3420. This routine continues out in the same direction as the chip it found to see if it can flip any chips. If it can, it counts the

number of chips that will be flipped by that move in all directions.

In lines 3320-3340, it compares the number of chips that can be flipped there to the number of chips that can be flipped by the last move. If more chips can be flipped here, then the holders TEMPX and TEMPY take on the value of XORG and YORG.

It continues until it has searched the whole board and found the "best" move. It considers the corners to be the best moves, so if it can get a corner (PRIORITY=1), it takes it no matter how many chips it flips. If several of the moves result in the same number of chips, then it places them in the arrays SAMEX and SAMEY and randomly chooses a move.

### Ending

If the computer finds it has no move, it tells you and lets you go again. If you pass and it passes (Line 3700), or if it determines that all the squares are occupied (Line 990), it then ends the game and determines the winner.

### The listing:

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10 LOCATE 10,10,0
20 REM DEFINE COLORS
30 BLACK =0
40 BLUE =1
50 GREEN =2
60 LGHTBLUE=3
70 RED=4
80 PURPLE=5
90 YELLOW=6
100 WHITE=7
110 GOSUB 4030
120 TEMPX=2:TEMPY=2
130 DIM PLAYBOARD(9,9),SAMEX(64),SAMEY(6
4),PRIORITY(9,9),DIRECTION(9,2)
140 COLOR BLACK,BLUE
150 FOR X=1 TO 8
160 FOR Y=1 TO 8
170 PLAYBOARD(X,Y)=GREEN
180 NEXT Y
190 NEXT X
200 PLAYBOARD(4,5)=BLACK
210 PLAYBOARD(5,4)=BLACK
220 PLAYBOARD(4,4)=WHITE
230 PLAYBOARD(5,5)=WHITE
240 REM DATA FOR PRIORITY
250 DATA 1,8,2,3,3,2,8,1
260 DATA 8,9,7,6,6,7,9,8
270 DATA 2,7,4,5,5,4,7,2
280 DATA 3,6,5,0,0,5,6,3
290 DATA 3,6,5,0,0,5,6,3
300 DATA 2,7,4,5,5,4,7,2
310 DATA 8,9,7,6,6,7,9,8
320 DATA 1,8,2,3,3,2,8,1
330 REM LOAD PRIORITIES
340 FOR X=1 TO 8
350 FOR Y=1 TO 8
360 READ PRIORITY(X,Y)
370 NEXT Y
380 NEXT X
390 REM DEFINE X AND Y OFFSETS
400 DATA 1,0,1,-1,0,-1,-1,-1,0,-1,1,0
,1,1,1
480 FOR X=1 TO 8
490 FOR Y=1 TO 2
500 READ DIRECTION(X,Y)
510 NEXT Y
520 NEXT X
530 TRUE=1:FALSE=NOT TRUE
540 GOTO 1710
550 REM INITIALIZE SCREEN
560 CLS
570 COLOR BLUE,BLUE
580 LINE(0,0)-(639,224),,BF
590 COLOR GREEN
600 LINE(221,21)-(545,181),,BF
610 COLOR BLACK
620 LINE(217,21)-(545,185),,B
630 LINE(218,18)-(544,184),,B
640 LINE(219,19)-(543,183),,B
650 LINE(220,20)-(542,182),,B
660 LINE(221,21)-(541,181),,B
670 LINE(221,41)-(541,41)
680 LINE(221,61)-(541,61)
690 LINE(221,81)-(541,81)
700 LINE(221,101)-(541,101)
710 LINE(221,121)-(541,121)
720 LINE(221,141)-(541,141)
730 LINE(221,161)-(541,161)
740 LINE(261,21)-(261,181)
750 LINE(301,21)-(301,181)
760 LINE(341,21)-(341,181)
770 LINE(381,21)-(381,181)
780 LINE(421,21)-(421,181)
790 LINE(461,21)-(461,181)
800 LINE(501,21)-(501,181)
810 RETURN
820 REM UPDATE BOARD
830 FOR X1=1 TO 8
840 FOR Y1=1 TO 8
850 IF PLAYBOARD(X1,Y1)=GREEN THEN 920
860 LET TEMP1=(X1*40)+200:TEMP2=(Y1*20)+
11
870 IF PLAYBOARD(X1,Y1)=PLAYCOL THEN P=P
+1
880 IF PLAYBOARD(X1,Y1)=OPPONCOL THEN OP
=OP+1
890 COLOR PLAYBOARD(X1,Y1)
900 CIRCLE(TEMP1,TEMP2),14
910 PAINT (TEMP1,TEMP2)
920 NEXT Y1
930 NEXT X1
950 LINE (0,30)-(185,50),RED,BF
960 COLOR BLACK,RED
970 LOCATE 5,1:PRINT"YOUR SCORE IS NOW:
";P

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980 LOCATE 6,1:PRINT" MYSCORE IS NOW:
";OP
990 IF P+OP=64 THEN 1000 ELSE 1065
1000 LINE (0,130)-(180,100),RED,BF:LOCAT
E 14,2:PRINT "THE GAME IS OVER"
1005 LOCATE 15,2:IF P>OP THEN PRINT "YOU
HAVE WON!" ELSE PRINT "I HAVE WON"
1010 FOR X=1 TO 3000:NEXT X:CLS:LOCATE 1
2,10:PRINT"DO YOU WISH TO PLAY AGAIN?"
1015 LOCATE 13,11:PRINT "Y FOR YES, N FO
R NO"
1020 WHILE 1=1
1030 ANS$=INKEY$
1040 IF ANS$="" THEN WEND
1050 IF ANS$="Y" THEN GOTO 1710
1060 IF ANS$="N" THEN CLS:END
1065 PLAYSCORE=P:OPSCORE=OP
1070 OP=0:P=0
1080 RETURN
1090 COLOR BLACK
1100 FOR X=0 TO 336 STEP 48:LINE(X,214)-
(X+36,224),,BF:NEXT X
1110 COLOR GREEN
1120 FOR X=0 TO 336 STEP 48:LINE(X,214)-
(X+36,224),,B:NEXT X
1130 COLOR GREEN,BLACK
1140 LOCATE 24,31:PRINT"1";
1150 LOCATE 24,36:PRINT"2";
1160 LOCATE 24,41:PRINT"3";
1170 LOCATE 24,46:PRINT"4";
1180 LOCATE 24,51:PRINT"5";
1190 LOCATE 24,56:PRINT"6";
1200 LOCATE 24,61:PRINT"7";
1210 LOCATE 24,66:PRINT"8";
1220 FOR X=0 TO 336 STEP 48:LINE(X,214)-
(X+36,224),,B:NEXT X
1230 RETURN
1240 COLOR BLACK
1250 LINE(528,214)-(528+36,224),,BF
1260 COLOR GREEN
1270 LINE(528,214)-(528+36,224),,B
1280 COLOR GREEN,BLACK
1290 LOCATE 24,75:PRINT "Q";
1300 LINE(528,214)-(528+36,224),,B
1310 LOCATE 23,73:PRINT "QUIT";
1320 LINE (557,206)-(545,214),BLACK
1330 LINE (558,206)-(546,214),BLACK
1340 LINE (559,206)-(547,214),BLACK
1350 RETURN
1360 BACKGROUND=BLACK:LETTERS=GREEN
1370 LOCATE 25,1:PRINT "KEYS 1-8 FOR COL
UMN/ROW MOVES";
1380 LOCATE 25,31:PRINT "N IF THERE IS N
O MOVE";
1390 LOCATE 25,53:PRINT "Q EXITS GAME";
1400 LOCATE 25,66:PRINT"9 CANCELS MOVE";
1410 LINE (424,206)-(400,214),BLACK:LINE
(425,206)-(401,214),BLACK
1420 LINE (426,206)-(402,214),BLACK
1430 RETURN
1440 COLOR GREEN,BLACK
1450 LOCATE 4,25:PRINT "1>":LOCATE 4,70:
PRINT"<1"
1460 LOCATE 7,25:PRINT "2>":LOCATE 7,70:
PRINT"<2"
1470 LOCATE 10,25:PRINT "3>":LOCATE 10,7
0:PRINT"<3"
1480 LOCATE 12,25:PRINT "4>":LOCATE 12,7
0:PRINT"<4"
1490 LOCATE 15,25:PRINT "5>":LOCATE 15,7
0:PRINT"<5"
1500 LOCATE 17,25:PRINT "6>":LOCATE 17,7
0:PRINT"<6"
1510 LOCATE 19,25:PRINT "7>":LOCATE 19,7
0:PRINT"<7"
1520 LOCATE 22,25:PRINT "8>":LOCATE 22,7
0:PRINT"<8"
1530 COLOR GREEN,BLACK

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1540 X=0
1550 FOR Y=30 TO 65 STEP 5
1560 X=X+1
1570 LOCATE 2,Y
1580 PRINT X
1590 NEXT Y
1600 RETURN
1610 REM CLEAR BOTTOM OF BOARD
1620 LINE (0,191)-(640,185),BLUE,BF
1630 RETURN
1640 REM REMOVE SIDE NUMBERS
1650 LINE (190,20)-(210,178),BLUE,BF
1660 LINE (550,20)-(570,178),BLUE,BF
1670 RETURN
1680 REM ROUTINE TO REMOVE OTHER NUMBERS
1690 LINE (220,0)-(600,16),BLUE,BF
1700 RETURN
1710 REM INITIALIZE PLAY
1720 GOSUB 3840
1730 CLS
1740 LINE(0,0)-(639,199),BLUE,BF
1750 GOSUB 590
1760 GOSUB 820
1770 REM MASTER ROUTINE
1780 IF PLAYCOL=BLACK THEN 1800 ELSE 179
0
1790 TURNCOLOR=PLAYCOL:OTHERCOL=OPPCOL
:WHILE 1=1:GOSUB 1880:GOSUB 3160:
GOSUB 1880:GOSUB 2280:
WEND
1800 TURNCOLOR=PLAYCOL
1810 OTHERCOLOR=OPPCOL
1820 WHILE 1=1
1830 GOSUB 2280
1840 GOSUB 1880
1850 GOSUB 3160
1860 GOSUB 1880
1870 WEND
1880 REM PLAYER MOVES
1890 OTHERCOLOR=TURNCOLOR
1900 IF TURNCOLOR=PLAYCOL THEN TURNCOLOR
=OPPCOL ELSE TURNCOLOR=PLAYCOL
1910 RETURN
1920 REM CHECK FOR VALID MOVE
1925 VALID=0
1930 IF PLAYBOARD(XORG,YORG)<>GREEN THEN
RETURN
1940 VALID=0
1950 FOR X=1 TO 8
1960 XSEARCH=XORG+DIRECTION(X,1)
1970 YSEARCH=YORG+DIRECTION(X,2)
1980 IF XSEARCH<1 OR XSEARCH>8 THEN 2040
1990 IF YSEARCH<1 OR YSEARCH>8 THEN 2040
2000 BOARDSPOT=PLAYBOARD(XSEARCH,YSEARCH
)
2010 IF BOARDSPOT=GREEN THEN GOTO 2040
2020 IF BOARDSPOT=TURNCOLOR THEN GOTO 20
40
2030 IF BOARDSPOT=OTHERCOLOR THEN GOSUB
2060
2040 NEXT X
2050 RETURN
2060 T=1
2070 CHECKX=XORG:CHECKY=YORG
2080 FOR W=1 TO 7
2090 CHECKX=CHECKX+DIRECTION(X,1)
2100 CHECKY=CHECKY+DIRECTION(X,2)
2110 IF CHECKX<1 OR CHECKX>8 THEN GOTO 2
250
2120 IF CHECKY<1 OR CHECKY>8 THEN GOTO 2
250
2130 CHECKBOARD=PLAYBOARD(CHECKX,CHECKY)
2140 IF CHECKBOARD=TURNCOLOR THEN VALID=
1:GOTO 2170
2150 IF CHECKBOARD=GREEN THEN T=0: RETUR
N
2160 IF CHECKBOARD=OTHERCOLOR THEN T=T+1
:GOTO 2250

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2170 FOR COUNT =T+1 TO 1 STEP-1
2180 LET PLAYBOARD(CHECKX,CHECKY)=TURNCO
LOR:VALID=1
2190 CHECKX=CHECKX-DIRECTION(X,1)
2200 CHECKY=CHECKY-DIRECTION(X,2)
2210 NEXT COUNT
2220 VALID=1
2230 T=0
2240 RETURN
2250 NEXT W
2260 T=0
2270 RETURN
2280 GOSUB 1440
2290 GOSUB 1090
2300 GOSUB 1360
2310 COLOR WHITE,BLUE
2320 LOCATE 23,2
2330 PRINT "PLEASE SELECT YOUR COLUMN"
2340 GOSUB 2630
2350 IF NOMOVES>0 THEN RETURN
2360 XORG=CHOICE
2370 COLOR BLUE,BLUE
2380 LINE (0,185)-(208,175),BLUE,BF
2390 GOSUB 1610
2400 GOSUB 1530
2410 GOSUB 1360
2420 COLOR WHITE,BLUE
2430 LOCATE 21,2:PRINT "COLUMN";CHOICE;
2440 LOCATE 23,2
2450 PRINT"PLEASE SELECT YOUR ROW"
2460 GOSUB 2630
2465 IF CANCELLED=TRUE THEN XORG=0:YORG=
0:GOTO 2280
2470 COLOR WHITE,BLUE:LOCATE 22,2:PRINT
"ROW";CHOICE;
2480 LOCATE 23,2
2490 COLOR BLUE,BLUE
2500 LINE (0,185)-(183,175),BLUE,BF
2510 YORG=CHOICE
2520 GOSUB 1640
2530 GOSUB 1680
2540 GOSUB 1920
2550 IF VALID=1 THEN GOTO 2610 ELSE 2560
2560 FOR DELAY= 1 TO 5:BEEP:NEXT DELAY
2570 COLOR WHITE,BLUE:LOCATE 23,2:PRINT
"SORRY INVALID MOVE"
2580 FOR X=1 TO 3000:NEXT X
2590 LINE (0,185)-(210,175),BLUE,BF
2600 GOSUB 1440:GOSUB 1090:GOSUB 1360:GO
TO 2310
2610 GOSUB 820
2620 RETURN
2630 REM GET MOVES
2640 WHILE 1=1
2650 CHOICES=INKEY$
2660 IF CHOICES="" THEN WEND
2670 IF CHOICES="Q" THEN GOTO 1010
2680 IF CHOICES="N" THEN GOSUB 2860 ELSE
2780
2690 LINE (0,130)-(185,100),RED,BF
2700 IF PASS<>TRUE THEN GOTO 2710 ELSE 2
740
2710 COLOR WHITE,RED:LOCATE 14,1:PRINT"P
LEASE LOOK AGAIN"
2720 LOCATE 15,1:PRINT "I SEE A MOVE"
2730 FOR X=1 TO 2000:NEXT X:LINE(0,130)-
(185,100),BLUE,BF
:COLOR WHITE,BLUE:LOCATE 23,2:PRINT
"PLEASE SELECT YOUR COLUMN":GOTO 2640
2740 NOMOVES=NOMOVES+1
2750 COLOR WHITE,RED:LOCATE 14,1:PRINT "
SINCE YOU HAVE NO MOVES"
2760 LOCATE 15,3:PRINT"I WILL GO AGAIN":
FOR X=1 TO 3000:NEXT X
2770 LINE(0,130)-(185,100),BLUE,BF:RETUR
N
2780 NOMOVES=0:CHOICE=VAL(CHOICES)
2790 IF CHOICE<1 OR CHOICE> 9 THEN BEEP:

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GOTO 2640
2800 IF CHOICE=9 THEN CANCELLED=TRUE:GOT
O 2810
2805 CANCELLED=FALSE:GOTO 2850
2810 LINE(0,185)-(210,175),BLUE,BF
2820 LOCATE 23,2 :PRINT "CANCELLED; ENTE
R CHANGE"
2830 FOR X=1 TO 1750:NEXT X
2850 RETURN
2860 REM CHECK FOR NO MOVE
2870 PASS=TRUE
2880 LINE(0,185)-(210,175),BLUE,BF
2890 LOCATE 23,2:PRINT "LET ME CHECK THA
T"
2900 FOR XORG=1 TO 8
2910 FOR YORG=1 TO 8
2920 IF PLAYBOARD(XORG,YORG)<>GREEN THEN
3030
2930 FOR X=1 TO 8
2940 XSEARCH=XORG+DIRECTION(X,1):YSEARCH
=YORG+DIRECTION(X,2)
2950 IF XSEARCH<1 OR XSEARCH>8 THEN GOTO
3020
2960 IF YSEARCH<1 OR YSEARCH>8 THEN GOTO
3020
2970 BOARDSPOT=PLAYBOARD(XSEARCH,YSEARCH
)
2980 IF BOARDSPOT=GREEN THEN 3020
2990 IF BOARDSPOT=TURNCOLOR THEN 3020
3000 IF BOARDSPOT=OTHERCOLOR THEN GOSUB
3060
3010 IF PASS=FALSE THEN RETURN
3020 NEXT X
3030 NEXT YORG
3040 NEXT XORG
3050 RETURN
3060 CHECKX=XORG:CHECKY=YORG
3070 FOR W=1 TO 7
3075 CHECKX=CHECKX+DIRECTION(X,1):CHECKY
=CHECKY+DIRECTION(X,2)
3080 IF CHECKX<1 OR CHECKX>8 THEN GOTO 3
140
3090 IF CHECKY<1 OR CHECKY>8 THEN GOTO 3
140
3100 CHECKBOARD=PLAYBOARD(CHECKX,CHECKY)
3110 IF CHECKBOARD=GREEN THEN RETURN
3120 IF CHECKBOARD=OTHERCOLOR THEN GOTO
3140
3130 IF CHECKBOARD=TURNCOLOR THEN PASS=F
ALSE:RETURN
3140 NEXT W
3150 RETURN
3160 REM COMPUTER MOVE
3170 LINE(0,185)-(208,175),BLUE,BF
3180 COLOR WHITE,BLUE:LOCATE 23,2:PRINT
"THINKING... PLEASE WAIT"
3190 FOR XORG=1 TO 8
3200 FOR YORG=1 TO 8
3210 IF PLAYBOARD(XORG,YORG)<>GREEN THEN
3360
3220 FOR X=1 TO 8
3230 XSEARCH=XORG+DIRECTION(X,1)
3240 YSEARCH=YORG+DIRECTION(X,2)
3250 IF XSEARCH<1 OR XSEARCH>8 THEN GOTO
3310
3260 IF YSEARCH<1 OR YSEARCH>8 THEN GOTO
3310
3270 BOARDSPOT=PLAYBOARD(XSEARCH,YSEARCH
)
3280 IF BOARDSPOT=GREEN THEN GOTO 3310
3290 IF BOARDSPOT=TURNCOLOR THEN GOTO 33
10
3300 IF BOARDSPOT=OTHERCOLOR THEN GOSUB
3420
3310 NEXT X
3320 IF HOLD>0 AND PRIORITY(XORG,YORG)=1
THEN HOLD1=HOLD:TEMPX=XORG:
TEMPY=YORG:HOLD=0:NOMOVE

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S=0:GOSUB 3540:RETURN
3330 IF HOLD=HOLD1 AND BOARDPRIORITY<9
AND HOLD<0 THEN J=J+1:SAMEX(J)=TEMPX:
SAMEY(J)=TEMPY
:TEMPX=XORG:TEMPY=YORG:NOMOVES=0
3340 IF HOLD>HOLD1 THEN HOLD1=HOLD:TEMPX
=XORG:TEMPY=YORG:NOMOVES=0:J=0
3350 HOLD=0
3360 NEXT YORG
3370 NEXT XORG
3380 IF J>0 THEN J=J+1:SAMEX(J)=TEMPX:SA
MEY(J)=TEMPY:GOSUB 4440
3390 IF HOLD1=0 THEN TEMPX=0:TEMPY=0:GOS
UB 3700
3400 GOSUB 3540
3410 RETURN
3420 C=1
3430 CHECKX=XORG:CHECKY=YORG
3440 FOR W=1 TO 6
3450 CHECKX=CHECKX+DIRECTION(X,1):CHECKY
=CHECKY+DIRECTION(X,2)
3460 IF CHECKX<1 OR CHECKX>8 THEN GOTO 3
520
3470 IF CHECKY<1 OR CHECKY>8 THEN GOTO 3
520
3480 CHECKBOARD=PLAYBOARD(CHECKX,CHECKY)
3490 IF CHECKBOARD=GREEN THEN C=0:RETURN
3500 IF CHECKBOARD=OTHERCOLOR THEN C=C+1
:GOTO 3520
3510 HOLD=HOLD+C:RETURN
3520 NEXT W
3530 RETURN
3540 FOR X=1 TO 8
3550 LET PLAYBOARD(TEMPX,TEMPY)=TURNCOLO
R
3560 COLOR WHITE,BLUE
3570 LOCATE 21,2:PRINT "COLUMN";TEMPX:LO
CATE 22,2:PRINT "ROW";TEMPY
3575 IF TEMPX=0 AND TEMPY=0 THEN RETURN
3580 LET XORG=TEMPX:YORG=TEMPY
3590 XSEARCH=TEMPX+DIRECTION(X,1):YSEAR
H=TEMPY+DIRECTION(X,2)
3600 IF XSEARCH<1 OR XSEARCH>8 THEN 3660
3610 IF YSEARCH<1 OR YSEARCH>8 THEN 3660
3620 BOARDSPOT=PLAYBOARD(XSEARCH,YSEARCH
)
3630 IF BOARDSPOT=GREEN THEN GOTO 3660
3640 IF BOARDSPOT=TURNCOLOR THEN GOTO 36
60
3650 IF BOARDSPOT=OTHERCOLOR THEN GOSUB
2060
3660 NEXT X
3670 GOSUB 820
3680 HOLD1=0
3690 RETURN
3700 COLOR WHITE,RED:LINE (0,130)-(180,1
00),RED,BF
3710 IF NOMOVE=0 THEN GOTO 3790 ELSE 372
0
3720 LINE(0,130)-(180,100),RED,BF
3730 LOCATE 14,2:PRINT "THERE ARE NO MOV
ES"
3740 LOCATE 15,2:PRINT "SO THE GAME IS O
VER"
3750 FOR X=1 TO 3000:NEXT X:LINE(0,130)-
(180,100),BLUE,BF
3760 IF PLAYSCORE>OPPSCORE THEN 3770 EL
S 3780
3770 LINE(0,130)-(180,100),RED,BF:LOCATE
14,2:PRINT "YOU ARE THE WINNER":
GOTO 1010
3780 LINE(0,130)-(180,100),RED,BF:LOCATE
14,2:PRINT "I HAVE WON":GOTO 1010
3790 LINE(0,130)-(180,100),RED,BF
3800 LOCATE 14,2:PRINT "I HAVE NO MOVE":
LOCATE 15,3:PRINT"GO AGAIN"
3810 FOR X=1 TO 2000:NEXT X:LINE(0,130)-

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(180,100),BLUE,BF
3820 NOMOVE=NOMOVE+1
3830 RETURN
3840 LINE(0,199)-(639,0),GREEN,BF
3850 COLOR WHITE,GREEN
3860 CIRCLE (170,95),60
3870 PAINT(170,95)
3880 COLOR BLACK,GREEN
3890 CIRCLE (350,95),60
3900 PAINT(350,95)
3910 LINE(40,155)-(550,180),RED,BF
3920 SYMBOL(80,160),"PLEASE SELECT THE F
IRST LETTER OF THE COLOR THAT YOU WANT",
1,1,WHITE
3930 SYMBOL(230,170),"BLACK PLAYS FIRST"
,1,1,BLACK
3940 SYMBOL(160,95),"W",3,3,BLACK
3950 SYMBOL(340,95),"B",3,3,WHITE
3960 WHILE 1=1
3970 CHOICES=INKEY$
3980 IF CHOICES="" THEN WEND
3990 IF CHOICES="B" THEN PLAYCOL=BLACK:O
PPONCOL=WHITE:GOTO 4020
4000 IF CHOICES="W" THEN PLAYCOL=WHITE:O
PPONCOL=BLACK:GOTO 4020
4010 IF CHOICES<>"B" OR CHOICES<>"W" THE
N BEEP:GOTO 3920
4020 RETURN
4030 COLOR BLUE,BLUE
4040 LINE (0,199)-(639,0),,BF
4050 COLOR LGHTBLUE
4060 FOR X=67 TO 70
4070 CIRCLE(140,130),X,,3
4080 NEXT X
4090 REM T
4100 FOR X=50 TO 52
4110 CIRCLE(215,120),X,.24,.76,2
4120 NEXT X
4130 FOR X=50 TO 52
4140 CIRCLE(190,80),X,.1,.33,.9
4150 NEXT X
4160 REM H
4170 FOR X=43 TO 45
4180 CIRCLE (270,118),X,.24,.76,2
4190 NEXT X
4200 FOR X= 45 TO 47
4210 CIRCLE(270,160),X,.65,.0,2
4220 NEXT X
4230 REM E
4240 FOR X=30 TO 32
4250 CIRCLE (345,127),X,.24,.0,2
4260 NEXT X
4270 FOR X=44 TO 46
4280 CIRCLE(345,90),X,.21,.29,2
4290 NEXT X
4300 FOR X=48 TO 50
4310 CIRCLE(415,90),X,.24,.76,2
4320 NEXT X
4330 FOR X=48 TO 50
4340 CIRCLE (470,85),X,.24,.76,2
4350 NEXT X
4360 FOR X=25 TO 27
4370 CIRCLE (520,100),X,,1
4380 NEXT X
4390 LINE(80,205)-(565,150)
4400 LINE(80,205)-(565,151)
4410 LOCATE 1,4:PRINT" A COMPUTER GAME F
OR THE SANYO MBC550/555
4420 FOR X= 1 TO 5000:NEXT X
4430 RETURN
4440 LET MOVE=INT(RND*J)+1
4450 TEMPX=SAMEX(MOVE):TEMPY=SAMEY(MOVE)
4460 FOR Q=1 TO J
4470 LET SAMEX(Q)=0:SAMEY(Q)=0
4480 NEXT Q
4490 J=0
4500 RETURN
4510 REM H

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*Sanyo Synthesizer* is a fast, easy way to play and store tunes without the hassle of setting and resetting durations, pitches and rests. You don't enter a tune one note at a time, but actually play it right on the keyboard.

The program makes use of the sound driver published in the December 1984 issue of *SOFT SECTOR* (*Run 'Round*, Page 28) to produce musical notes. You can play, save, load and compile musical tunes (more on this later).

Type in and save Listing 1. When the program is run, the title appears on the screen with a graphics representation of the Sanyo's keyboard, along with the keys that are used labeled with their note values. The keys are arranged like a piano keyboard, using the second and bottom rows of the keyboard for the naturals and the top and third rows for the sharps and flats. This provides a total of four octaves. A menu and other controls of the program are also displayed.

There are three different modes. The mode you are currently in is displayed at the bottom of the screen. When the program begins, you are in the **PLAY** mode. Pressing any of the keys displayed on the graphics keyboard will sound that note. To stop the note, press the space bar, otherwise that same note keeps on playing until another note is played or you press the space bar, **RETURN** or **ESC**.

When a note is playing, there is a "pulsing" sound. This is because the program is actually toggling the note many times per second. This happens so the program can automatically save notes and rest durations.

Pressing **RETURN** toggles you in and out of the **RECORD** mode. Pressing keys in this mode saves the note values to the **P** array for later playing and saving. Pressing **RETURN** again returns you to the **PLAY** mode.

Pressing the **ESC** key in either mode transfers you to the **SELECT** mode, which prompts you to select an option from the on-screen menu. Pressing **ESC** there returns you to the **PLAY** mode.

Your menu options are: play back tune, compile and play tune, save tune to disk, load tune from disk, new — erase tune from memory, and quit — end program. Pressing '**P**' plays back a tune (if it has been recorded) exactly as you played it — even with the pulses. Pressing '**S**' asks you to enter a filename so the tune can be saved to disk. Pressing '**L**' prompts for a

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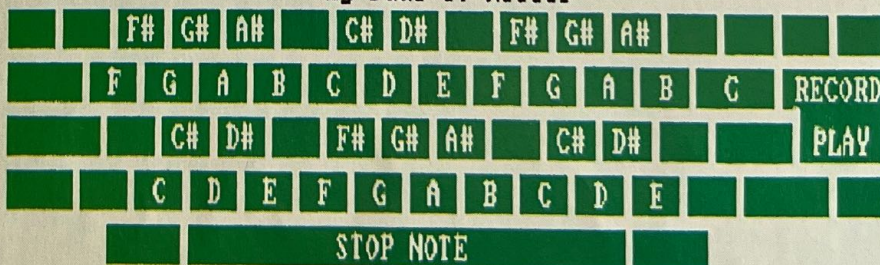
filename to load a tune from the disk. Pressing '**N**' erases the tune from memory so you can start over. Pressing '**Q**' ends the program. And finally, pressing '**C**' starts "compiling" your tune. It counts the number of pulses for each note and rest, then stores those values into the **CO** array.

When it is finished, it plays back the tune in pure, steady notes without the pulses.

If your perception of musical notes is sometimes off, or you feel the notes don't sound right, just **TUNE** it! While in the **PLAY** or **RECORD** mode, pressing the up and down arrows changes the note's pitch

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**MENU:** selected by pressing **ESC**

- "P" - play back tune
- "C" - compile & play tune
- "S" - save tune to disk
- "L" - load tune from disk
- "N" - new - erase tune from memory
- "Q" - quit - end program
- "ESC" - return to **RECORD/PLAY** mode

**TUNE:**


- "→" - make sharper
- "←" - make flatter
- "↓" - restore

**METRONOME:**

- "\*" - start/stop
- "↑" - speed up
- "HOME" - slow down

**mode:**  
**SELECT:**





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and produces a "sharpening" or "flattening" of the note. Pressing the down arrow restores the note to its original tone. However, when tuning, you also change the pitch of all of the notes played. When a tune is played or saved, the TUNE value is applied, so if you tune the notes then save a composition, you won't have to retune it before playing the composition again.

Is your beat a little off at times? The best thing to do is use a metronome, a little box that makes a rhythmic clicking sound. There is a "metronome" built in to *Sanyo Synthesizer*! Pressing the asterisk (\*) at any time in the PLAY or RECORD modes toggles it on and off. Pressing the upper-left arrow (home key) and the up arrow slows down or speeds up the beat, thus the audible background beep you hear when the metronome is on.

To have more features, I added several function key redefinitions in Line 170. Pressing PF1 through PF5 produces short little scales and cute fanfares. This is accomplished by using the `KEY n,string$` statement. The function keys are set to letters and numbers that correspond to those on the keyboard. To make your own, use up to eight letters or numbers in the KEY string. (It's a good idea to make the last character of the string a space so the last note won't keep playing.)

## Programming Techniques

The `CONT N` at the beginning of the program disables the BREAK key, so if the BREAK key is accidentally pressed, you won't erase a tune from memory.

The `KEY SAVE"KEY.KEY"` at Line 170 saves the current function key values to the filename `KEY.KEY` on disk before it redefines the function keys. When you quit the program, the `KEY LOAD"KEY.KEY"` loads the original values back into BASIC.

I originally wrote the program so that after pressing a key it would loop through a list of note and key values until it found the right one and played it. This got very slow when pressing the higher valued keys. I replaced this with a routine that goes straight to the correct value — much like a random file, while the other version ran like a sequential file. This is accomplished by making a DATA table (Line 200) with the correct note value in the same position relative to the key that performs that value. When you press a key, its ASCII value is the position in the DATA table in which the value for that note is kept.

The metronome beep is accomplished by the `OUT` in Line 230. This port produces simple clicks and only three pure tones. I used the highest pure tone, but if you would like the beep lower, a value of 19 will work. A value of '4' is the lowest tone.

*Sanyo Synthesizer* was originally written for use with 256K of memory. This provides much longer tunes. If you have 256K, then change the `CLEAR 20,, &H800` in Line 180 to `CLEAR 20,, &H1F00`. This reserves *much* more memory for arrays. Now change the `DIM P(93), S(15000), CO(1000)` in Line 180 to `DIM P(93), S(30000), CO(5000)`. This provides compiled tunes with up to 5,000 notes and rests.

## Secondary Features

When you want to play, compile, save or erase a tune from memory, the program checks to see if one has been recorded first. If not, the function is not even selected.

When saving a tune, if a tune with the same filename is already on the disk, the program asks if you want to overwrite it or not.

When loading a tune, if the tune is not on the disk, the function is automatically aborted.

If you select 'N' for new or 'Q' for quit, the program checks to see if that's what you really want by asking *Are you sure?* (Y/N) and waiting for a response.

Anytime the program is playing back a tune, you may abort it by pressing ESCAPE.

## Implemented Tunes

If you would like to use these tunes in a BASIC program, it is relatively simple. First, POKE the machine language sound driver data at Line 190 into memory locations 100H through 13BH, then load the tune into an array. Loop through the array and play the tune. Listing 2 contains all you need to implement tunes into a BASIC program.

If you don't like the pulsing sound of the tunes, a compiled version of your tune can be loaded into a BASIC program. Listing 3 compiles a tune then resaves it to disk. Listing 4 is an example of loading a compiled tune for use in your own program.

You can place the tune loader and playback lines in a GOSUB routine and define the filename before calling the routine. It would then be completely self-contained and work for any tune.

For those who have 256K, I have written another version of *Sanyo Synthesizer* that loads a high resolution graphics picture of the keyboard and menu. This picture has all of the keys labeled, with naturals white, sharps black and unused keys blue. If you would also like a copy of this version and you don't get `SOFT SECTOR ON DISK`, I will send both versions plus a couple of tunes I have saved myself. Just send a formatted disk and \$5 for duplication time and shipping and handling to the address in the program. If you have any problems, want to modify the program or have already done so, I would certainly like to know. Feel free to call me anytime during the week after 4 p.m.



# Listing 1:

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10 ***** "SANYO SYNTHESIZER" - filename "SANYOSYN.BAS"
20 ' By Paul T. Miller - (703) 721-2910 - Rt.1 Box 341, Wirtz, Va. 24184
30 ' copyright (c) 1985 by "The Sanyo Station"
40 CONT N:CLS:LOCATE 15,12,0
50 SYMBOL(110,1),"SANYO SYNTHESIZER",3,2,1:SYMBOL(112,2),"SANYO SYNTHESIZER",3,2
,3:SYMBOL(114,3),"SANYO SYNTHESIZER",3,2,4:SYMBOL(250,20),"by Paul T. Miller",1,
1,6
60 FOR I=75 TO 540 STEP 30:LINE(I,30)-(I+25,40),7,BF:NEXT:LINE(75,45)-(115,55),7
,BF:FOR I=120 TO 420 STEP 30:LINE(I,45)-(I+25,55),7,BF:NEXT:LINE(I,45)-(I+40,55)
,7,BF:LINE(75,60)-(125,70),7,BF:FOR I=130 TO 455 STEP 30:LINE(I,60)-(I+25,70),7,
BF:NEXT
70 LINE(I,60)-(I+40,70),7,BF:LINE(I+35,45)-(I+45,55),7,BF:LINE(I+45,45)-(I+90,70)
,7,BF:LINE(75,75)-(110,85),7,BF:FOR I=115 TO 455 STEP 30:LINE(I,75)-(I+25,85),7
,BF:NEXT:LINE(I,75)-(I+45,85),7,BF:LINE(I+50,75)-(I+75,85),7,BF
80 LINE(130,90)-(455,100),7,BF:LINE(170,90)-(173,100),0,BF:LINE(412,90)-(415,100)
,0,BF
90 FOR I=1 TO 8:READ X,I$:SYMBOL(X,32),I$,1,1,0:NEXT:DATA 140,F#,170,G#,200,A#,2
60,G#,290,D#,350,F#,380,G#,410,A#:FOR I=130 TO 430 STEP 30:READ I$:SYMBOL(I,47),
I$,1,1,0:NEXT:DATA F,G,A,B,C,D,E,F,G,A,B:SYMBOL(465,47),"C",1,1,0
100 FOR I=1 TO 7:READ X,I$:SYMBOL(X,62),I$,1,1,0:NEXT:DATA 165,C#,195,D#,255,F#,
285,G#,315,A#,375,C#,405,D#:FOR I=155 TO 430 STEP 30:READ I$:SYMBOL(I,77),I$,1,1
,0:NEXT:DATA C,D,E,F,G,A,B,C,D,E:SYMBOL(465,47),"C",1,1,0
110 SYMBOL(502,47),"RECORD",1,1,0:SYMBOL(512,62),"PLAY",1,1,0:SYMBOL(255,92),"ST
OP NOTE",1,1,4
120 COLOR 6:PRINT "MENU:":COLOR 3:PRINT " selected by pressing ";:COLOR 7:PRINT
"ESC":PRINT:FOR I=1 TO 7:READ I$:PRINT TAB(13);CHR$(34);:COLOR 6:PRINT I$;:COLO
R 7:PRINT CHR$(34):NEXT:DATA P,C,S,L,N,Q,ESC
130 COLOR 3:LOCATE 17,1:FOR I=1 TO 6:READ I$:PRINT TAB(18);"- ";I$:NEXT:PRINT TA
B(18)"- return to RECORD/PLAY mode":DATA play back tune,compile & play tune,save
tune to disk,load tune from disk,new - erase tune from memory,quit - end progra
m
140 LOCATE 15,48:COLOR 6:PRINT "TUNE:":FOR I=1 TO 3:READ C,I$:COLOR 7:PRINT TAB(
49);CHR$(34);:COLOR 6:PRINT CHR$(C);:COLOR 7:PRINT CHR$(34);:COLOR 3:PRINT " - "
:I$:NEXT:DATA 26,make sharper,27,make flatter,25,restore
150 LOCATE 20,49:COLOR 6:PRINT "METRONOME:":FOR I=1 TO 2:READ C,I$:COLOR 7:PRINT
TAB(52);CHR$(34);:COLOR 6:PRINT CHR$(C);:COLOR 7:PRINT CHR$(34);:COLOR 3:PRINT
" - ";I$:NEXT:DATA 42,start/stop,24,speed up
160 COLOR 7:PRINT TAB(49);CHR$(34);:COLOR 6:PRINT "HOME";:COLOR 7:PRINT CHR$(34)
;:COLOR 3:PRINT " - slow down";
170 KEY SAVE"KEY.KEY":KEY 1,"ZXCVBNM ":KEY 2,"./QWER ":KEY 3,"[POIUY ":KEY 4,"
Z,T]T,Z ":KEY 5,"BB BVCK "
180 OPTION BASE 1:CLEAR 20,,&H800:DEFINT A-Z:DIM P(100),S(15000),CO(1000):B=1:C=
0:MM=15:DEF SEG=SEG(4):FOR A=&H100 TO &H13B:READ I$:POKE A,VAL("&H"+I$):NEXT:FOR
I=44 TO 93:READ P(I):NEXT
190 DATA EB,2,0,0,FA,8B,EC,1E,C5,5E,8,8B,F,C5,5E,4,8B,17,E,1F,2E,89,E,2,1,B8,35,
0,34,8,E6,3A,FE,CC,75,3,4A,74,9,E2,F7,2E,8B,E,2,1,EB,EC,34,8,3C,35,75,2,E6,3A,1F
,CA,8,0
200 DATA 311,86,277,248,97,0,220,196,175,0,147,130,0,109,0,262,0,0,0,0,0,417,4
99,528,185,0,440,391,116,351,0,294,331,371,104,92,233,165,595,155,123,469,208,56
1,138,622,82,0,77
210 LOCATE 24,1:COLOR 6:PRINT "mode:":COLOR 7
220 D=15:N=0:R=0:LOCATE 25,1:PRINT "PLAY ";
230 IF M=1 THEN MC=MC+1:IF MC>=MM-MN THEN OUT 56,201:MC=0
240 A$=INKEY$:MN=0:IF A$=""AND N=1 THEN E=T+C:MN=7:CALL &H100,E,D:GOTO 330
250 IF A$=""THEN FOR I=1 TO 15:NEXT:T=0:GOTO 330
260 A=ASC(A$):IF A=32 THEN N=0:GOTO 230 ELSE IF A=27 THEN 350 ELSE IF A=13 THEN
N=0:R=1-R:LOCATE 25,1:IF R=0 THEN PRINT "PLAY ";:GOTO 230 ELSE IF R=1 THEN P
RINT "RECORD ";:GOTO 230
270 IF A=42 THEN M=1-M
280 IF A=28 THEN C=C+1 ELSE IF A=29 THEN C=C-1 ELSE IF A=31 THEN C=0
290 IF A=12 THEN MM=MM+1 ELSE IF A=30 THEN MM=MM-1:IF MM<0 THEN MM=0
300 IF A>97 THEN A=A AND 223
310 IF A>93 THEN 230 ELSE IF P(A)=0 THEN 230 ELSE IF P(A)=T THEN S(B)=0:B=B+1
320 T=P(A):E=T+C:CALL &H100,E,D:N=1
330 IF R=1 THEN S(B)=T:B=B+1
340 GOTO 230
350 D=15:N=0:R=0:GOSUB 570:PRINT "SELECT: ";:LOCATE 25,1,0:A$=INPUT$(1):IF ASC
(A$)>96 THEN A$=CHR$(ASC(A$)-32)
360 IF A$=CHR$(27)THEN GOSUB 570:GOTO 220
370 IF A$="Q"THEN PRINT "Quit...are you sure? (Y/N)";:GOTO 500
380 IF A$="C"AND B>1 THEN PRINT "Compiling...":I=0:REC=0:NO=1:GOTO 580
390 IF A$="P"AND B>1 THEN PRINT "Playing Back...ESC to stop";:GOTO 440
400 IF A$="N"AND B>1 THEN PRINT "New... are you sure? (Y/N)";:GOTO 460
410 IF A$="S"AND B>1 THEN PRINT "Save...enter filename: ";:GOTO 470

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420 IF A$="L" THEN PRINT "Load...enter filename: ";:GOTO 490
430 BEEP:GOTO 350
440 F=D+2:FOR I=1 TO B-1:T=S(I):IF T=0 THEN FOR Z=1 TO 15:NEXT ELSE E=T+C:CALL &
H100,E,F
450 IF INKEY$=CHR$(27) THEN BEEP:GOTO 350 ELSE NEXT:GOTO 350
460 A$=INPUT$(1):IF A$="Y" OR A$="y" THEN GOSUB 570:B=1:GOTO 220 ELSE GOTO 350
470 GOSUB 510:GOSUB 570:OPEN "R",1,F$+".SYN":IF LOF(1)>0 THEN CLOSE:PRINT "File e
xsists. Overwrite? (Y/N)";:A$=INPUT$(1):IF A$="Y" OR A$="y" THEN 480 ELSE 350
480 CLOSE:OPEN "O",1,F$+".SYN":GOSUB 570:PRINT "Saving...";:PRINT #1,C:PRINT #1,B
-1:FOR I=1 TO B-1:PRINT #1,S(I):NEXT:CLOSE:GOTO 350
490 GOSUB 510:OPEN "R",1,F$+".SYN":IF LOF(1)=0 THEN CLOSE:KILL F$+".SYN":GOTO 350
:ELSE CLOSE:GOSUB 570:PRINT "Loading...";:OPEN "I",1,F$+".SYN":INPUT #1,C:INPUT #
1,B:FOR I=1 TO B:INPUT #1,S(I):NEXT:CLOSE:GOTO 350
500 A$=INPUT$(1):IF A$="Y" OR A$="y" THEN CLS:KEY LOAD "KEY.KEY":KILL "KEY.KEY":COLO
R 2,0:STOP ELSE GOTO 350
510 F$="":LOCATE 25,24,1
520 A$=INPUT$(1):A=ASC(A$):IF A=8 AND LEN(F$)=0 THEN 520 ELSE IF A=8 THEN PRINT
CHR$(8) " CHR$(8):F$=LEFT$(F$,LEN(F$)-1):GOTO 520
530 IF A=13 AND LEN(F$)=0 THEN GOTO 350 ELSE IF A=13 THEN F$=LEFT$(F$,10):LOCATE
25,1,0:RETURN
540 IF A>97 THEN A=A AND 223
550 IF A=32 OR A=46 THEN 520
560 IF LEN(F$)=10 THEN BEEP:GOTO 520 ELSE PRINT A$;:F$=F$+A$:GOTO 520
570 LOCATE 25,1:PRINT STRING$(40," ");:LOCATE 25,1:RETURN
580 I=I+1:IF I=B THEN 610 ELSE REC=REC+1:CO(REC)=S(I)
590 IF S(I)=S(I+1) THEN NO=NO+1:I=I+1:IF I=B THEN 610 ELSE 590
600 REC=REC+1:CO(REC)=NO*16:NO=1:GOTO 580
610 LOCATE 25,1:PRINT "Playing compiled...ESC to stop";:FOR I=1 TO REC-1 STEP 2:
T=CO(I):D=CO(I+1):IF T=0 THEN FOR Z=1 TO D:NEXT ELSE E=T+C:CALL &H100,E,D
620 IF INKEY$=CHR$(27) THEN BEEP:GOTO 350 ELSE NEXT:GOTO 350

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#### Listing 2:

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5 'LISTING4.BAS - loads compiled tune for use in BASIC program
9 'set up sound driver and variables
10 CLEAR 20:DEFINT A-Z:DEF SEG=SEG(4):FOR A=&H100 TO &H13B:READ I$:POKE A,VAL("&
H"+I$):NEXT:DIM CO(1000):F$="TUNE"
20 DATA EB,2,0,0,FA,8B,EC,1E,C5,5E,8,8B,F,C5,5E,4,8B,17,E,1F,2E,89,E,2,1,B8,35,0
,34,8,E6,3A,FE,CC,75,3,4A,74,9,E2,F,2E,8B,E,2,1,EB,EC,34,8,3C,35,75,2,E6,3A,1F,
CA,8,0
29 'load it
30 OPEN "I",1,F$+".CMP":INPUT #1,C:INPUT #1,R:FOR I=1 TO R:INPUT #1,CO(I):NEXT:CL
OSE
39 'play it
40 FOR I=1 TO R STEP 2:T=CO(I):D=CO(I+1)+5:IF T=0 THEN FOR Z=1 TO D:NEXT ELSE E=
T+C:CALL &H100,E,D
50 NEXT:END

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#### Listing 3:

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5 'COMPILER.BAS - compiles "pulse" tunes into pure tunes
10 DEFINT A-Z:CLEAR 0,,&H800:DIM S(15000),CO(1000):R=0:NO=1:CLS:PRINT "Sanyo Syn
thesizer files on default drive are:":PRINT:FILES "*.SYN":PRINT:INPUT "Name of tun
e to be compiled";F1$
20 PRINT:INPUT "Name of output filename (RETURN for same name)";F2$:IF F2$="" THEN
F2$=F1$
30 PRINT "Loading...":OPEN "I",1,F1$+".SYN":INPUT #1,C:INPUT #1,B:FOR I=1 TO B:IN
PUT #1,S(I):NEXT:CLOSE:PRINT "Compiling...":I=0
40 I=I+1:IF I=B THEN 70 ELSE R=R+1:CO(R)=S(I)
50 IF S(I)=S(I+1) THEN NO=NO+1:I=I+1:IF I=B THEN 70 ELSE 50
60 R=R+1:CO(R)=NO*16:NO=1:GOTO 40
70 PRINT "Saving...":OPEN "O",1,F2$+".CMP":PRINT #1,C:PRINT #1,R-1:FOR I=1 TO R-1
:PRINT #1,CO(I):NEXT:CLOSE
80 BEEP:PRINT "Done!":END

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#### Listing 4:

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5 'LISTING2.BAS - loads tune for use in BASIC program
9 'set up sound driver and variables
10 CLEAR 20:DEFINT A-Z:DEF SEG=SEG(4):FOR A=&H100 TO &H13B:READ I$:POKE A,VAL("&
H"+I$):NEXT:DIM S(15000):D=17:F$="TUNE"
20 DATA EB,2,0,0,FA,8B,EC,1E,C5,5E,8,8B,F,C5,5E,4,8B,17,E,1F,2E,89,E,2,1,B8,35,0
,34,8,E6,3A,FE,CC,75,3,4A,74,9,E2,F,2E,8B,E,2,1,EB,EC,34,8,3C,35,75,2,E6,3A,1F,
CA,8,0
29 'load it
30 OPEN "I",1,F$+".SYN":INPUT #1,C:INPUT #1,B:FOR I=1 TO B:INPUT #1,S(I):NEXT:CLO
SE
39 'play it
40 FOR I=1 TO B:T=S(I):IF T=0 THEN FOR Z=1 TO 15:NEXT ELSE E=T+C:CALL &H100,E,D
50 NEXT:END

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## Soft sector

**H**ere we are again with one more winner of The Great SOFT SECTOR One-Liner Contest.

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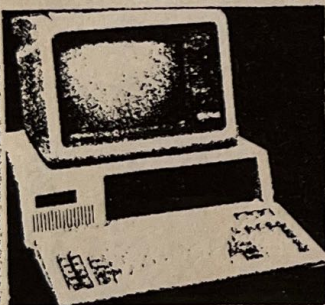
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1 COLOR X,Y:PRINT "      COLOR "X","Y"
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By Richard A. Milroy of NAMFONOS IN
CORPORATED      ":FOR T=1 TO 2500:NEX
T:X=X+1:IF X<8 THEN GOTO 1 ELSE X=0:Y=Y+
1:IF Y>7 THEN Y=0: GOTO 1 ELSE COLOR Y,Y
:PRINT :PRINT :FOR T=1 TO 2500:NEXT:GOTO
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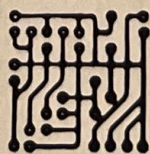
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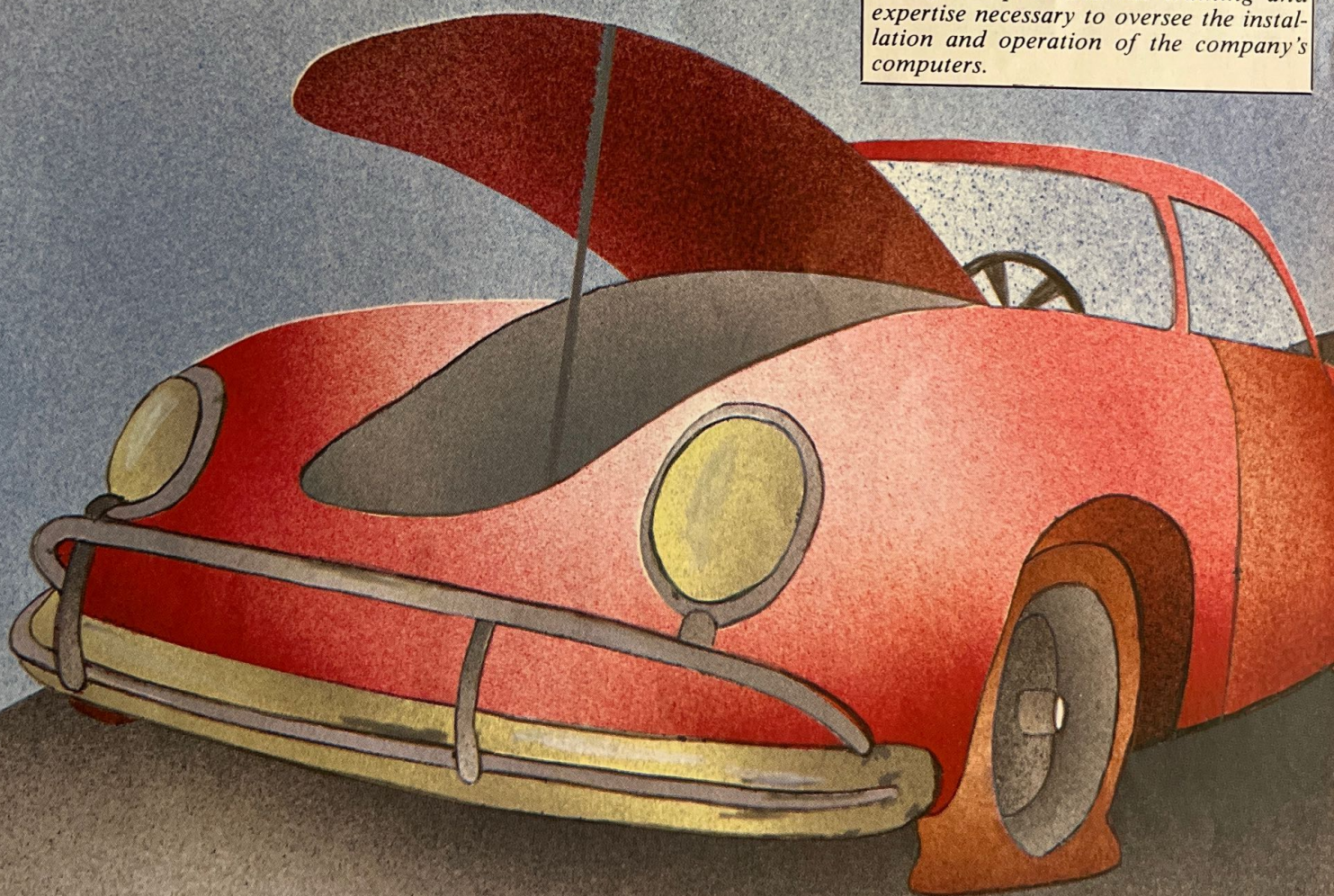
**By A. Richard Baines**

*CarCost* helps answer some of those hard-to-answer questions: "What does it cost to operate my car? Should I keep this one, or would a new car be more economical? If I do buy a new car, will I be able to support my computer habit in the style to which I have become accustomed?"

This simple, self-instructing program gives the user a good indicator for answering these questions. *CarCost* is not intended to give an actual out-of-pocket accounting for every vehicle, but it will give the average cost of operating that vehicle.

I hope other readers will be able to expand from this program to produce other programs that compare facts and figures.

*Richard Baines, a confessed car nut, is a civil engineering designer for a company near Baltimore, Maryland. His computer hobby has provided the training and expertise necessary to oversee the installation and operation of the company's computers.*





# The listing:

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10 CLS
20 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT" ARB'S VEHICLE OPERATING COST"
30 PRINT:PRINT"THIS PROGRAM WILL TELL YOU THE COST OF OPERATING YOUR VEHICLE"
40 PRINT"BASED ON:"
50 PRINT SPC(9)"GAS MILEAGE"
60 PRINT SPC(9)"EXPECTED REPAIRS"
70 PRINT SPC(9)"INSURANCE COSTS"
80 PRINT SPC(9)"EXPECTED VEHICLE LIFE"
90 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FOR YOUR VEHICLE"
100 PRINT:PRINT"FOR DOLLAR ENTRIES, DO NOT USE DOLLAR SIGN OR COMMA."
110 PRINT " "
120 INPUT "VEHICLE NAME";V$
130 INPUT "EXPECTED VEHICLE LIFE (100000 MILES?)";L
140 PRINT "VEHICLE COST (PURCHASE PRICE MINUS THE VALUE YOU EXPECT THE VEHICLE T
O HAVE AT":PRINT L" MILES)":INPUT VC
150 INPUT "MILEAGE YOU EXPECT TO PUT ON THE VEHICLE IN THE NEXT YEAR";M
160 INPUT "VEHICLE MILEAGE WHEN PURCHASED ";VM
170 INPUT "COST OF THE GASOLINE YOU PLAN TO USE IN THE VEHICLE";G
180 INPUT "VEHICLE M.P.G.";MPG
190 INPUT "EXPECTED YEARLY REPAIR BILL ";R
200 INPUT "YEARLY INSURANCE COST";I
205 LPRINT:LPRINT CHR$(27)+CHR$(14);TAB(18);"CARCOST":LPRINT
210 LPRINT "THIS COST IS NOT THE ACTUAL OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES, BUT AN ESTIMATE
OF OVERALL COSTS OVER THE VEHICLE LIFE"
220 LPRINT:LPRINT;CHR$(27)+CHR$(14);V$
230 LPRINT:LPRINT "OVERALL VEHICLE COST $";VC
240 LPRINT "EXPECTED VEHICLE LIFE";L
250 LPRINT "EXPECTED YEARLY MILEAGE ";M
260 LPRINT "VEHICLE MILEAGE WHEN PURCHASED ";VM
270 LPRINT "GASOLINE COST PER GALLON $";G
280 LPRINT "VEHICLE M.P.G. ";MPG
290 LPRINT "EXPECTED YEARLY REPAIR BILL $";R
300 LPRINT "YEARLY INSURANCE COST $";I
310 LPRINT:LPRINT"THE AVERAGE COST TO OPERATE YOUR ";V$
320 LPRINT"WILL BE:"
330 TC=((VC/(L-VM)+(G/MPG)+(I/M)+(R/M)))
340 LPRINT USING "$#.###";TC
350 LPRINT "PER MILE"
360 LPRINT:LPRINT"THE AVERAGE YEARLY COST TO OPERATE YOUR ";V$
370 LPRINT "WILL BE:"
380 YC=M*TC
390 LPRINT USING "$####.##";YC
400 LPRINT "PER YEAR"
410 LPRINT:LPRINT:LPRINT:LPRINT:LPRINT:LPRINT:LPRINT
420 GOTO 10
430 END

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**L**ast month we began our investigation of the personal Workspace area in the MS-DOS SIG on Delphi. Primarily, we discussed how to upload a file into the Workspace using one of the three supported transfer protocols: ASCII, Xmodem and Kermit. Now let's take a look at what you can do with a file after it's there.

One of the most important things, of course, is to publish a program in the database so that all the other members can download it. This can be one of the generally excellent "user-supported" or "Shareware" programs, or it can be a program that you've written yourself and want to share with others. After all, it's hard not to be proud of a program you've created, slaving over the keyboard, running it over and over until it's just right. And it's a lot more fun when you can share your work with others who will appreciate it as much as you do.

After you have entered your Workspace, the first thing you may want to do prior to making a database submission is to check the directory to ascertain the proper filename of the programs you're about to submit. To do this, you type DIR, just as on your own computer. And remember, too, that the MS-DOS question mark (?) and asterisk (\*) wild cards work the same familiar way when used with the DIR command in your Workspace.

After you've checked for the proper filenames, you're ready to begin the submission process. Type SUBMIT. The system responds with a couple of lines of instruction and asks if you wish to continue. Of course, you respond YES, or with a simple Y to save yourself a few keystrokes.

Now the system asks you how many files you will be submitting. One of the nice things about the Delphi database software is that it allows you to "group" related files together under a single description. Let's say you have three files that you're submitting together: a compiled, executable version of your BASIC program; the BASIC source code itself; and a separate file of instructions and documentation. That's three, so you respond with 3 when the system requests this information.

The system then asks you whether all three files are related in such a way that they should be listed as a single "group" in the directory. In this case, you again respond with YES.

The system then asks you for a "filetype," and displays a list from which to choose: program or program pack, newsletter, article, transcript, documentation, data (graphics, etc.) or miscellaneous text. Since we're dealing with a program here, the proper response is PROGRAM, or simply PRO.

Now the system asks what topic of the database you wish to submit your file to. If you're not familiar with the topics that are available, you can enter a question mark (?) here and the topics will be displayed:

If your submission happens to be a recipe file program, for example, we enter HOM to select the Home & Games topic.

Now a name for the "group/set" is requested. This is the name that appears in the database directory, but you're not limited to a directory entry as you may be accustomed. Here you're allowed up to 32 characters, so you can really use a meaningful name, such as RECIPE FILE DATABASE.

When you're finished naming the group, you are asked to enter a brief description of the file. This is where you should write a little paragraph telling all about your program: the author's name, what the program does, the specific system requirements; anything you can think of that the person who uses it may need to know. When you're finished, enter a CTRL-Z to close the description entry.

Now comes the time when you must enter "keywords" that describe your program. These are simply descriptive words that can later be searched on to locate programs of similar type. The entire directory in a certain topic can be extremely long and confusing, but by searching on these keywords, you can set it to display only those files that are similar to something you're looking for.

The first keyword requested is the "primary" keyword, and must be chosen from a select list that has been installed by the database manager. At the primary keyword prompt, you can once again enter a question mark (?) to display the choices. In the case of the Home & Games topic, the choices are: arcade games, adventure games, finance, management and miscellaneous. In this case, it looks like miscellaneous might be the best choice for our recipe file program, so enter MISC.

You can now enter any other keywords that you like, the idea being to try to imagine what keyword someone else looking for a recipe file program might try to search for. Some possibilities would be "cooking," "recipes," "database," or maybe even "food." You can also put the author's name here and something like "VB" if the program requires the Video RAM Board to run on the Sanyo 555.

Next you are asked for information about each of the files. The first request is for the filename of the file in your Workspace. You found this earlier when you checked it in the directory. Then you are asked if the file must have any special filename when it is downloaded — generally the same as you uploaded it into your Workspace, but not necessarily. Finally, you are asked for a name to appear with the file in the group directory listing which, again, can be a descriptive name, such as RECIPE FILE DOCUMENTATION.

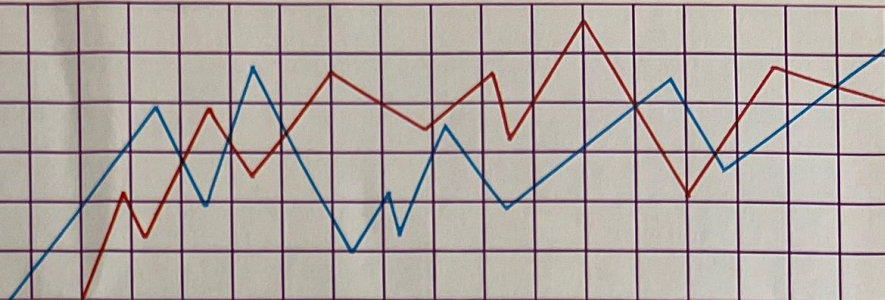
This naming process is repeated for each of the three files that you are submitting, along with a query as to whether you would like it deleted from your Workspace. When you finish with the filename information for each file, the submission process is complete. Your file then goes to a "preview" area for testing before being moved into the open database for the members.

Although going through all this may seem like a very long, drawn-out process, it really isn't. After you've tried it once, you'll see just how simple it really is.

— Kevin Nickols  
MS-DOS SIG Manager



# BUSINESS Sector



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way to enter all these codes through WordStar?

Erwin M. Reimann, Ph.D.  
Toledo, OH

page documents, but I'm writing my doctoral thesis!

Reverend John R. Sittema  
Pella, IA

**Q.** Is there any way to combine two or more WordStar files into a single new file? Also, is it possible to transfer selected blocks of text from one file to another?

Tom Hettinger  
Berlin, NH

**A.** There is an easy way to merge two files with WordStar into a new file.

1) Load the file you would like to be the beginning of the new file.

2) Go to the end of the file just loaded or to a mid-point in the file where you want the second file to be inserted.

3) Do CONTROL-KR (^KR). You are then asked NAME OF FILE TO READ; enter the name of the second file (the one you want to merge), then press RETURN. You can add a drive name such as B:FILENAME if necessary.

Transferring selected blocks of text from one file to another is just as easy as merging.

1) Load the file that has the block of text you would like to use.

2) Mark the beginning of the block with CONTROL-KB (^KB); find the end of the block and mark it with CONTROL-KK (^KK). This puts the marked text in inverse video.

3) Next do CONTROL-KW (^KW) to write text. You are asked NAME OF FILE TO WRITE. Insert your new filename with a drive specifier if necessary and press RETURN. This file can then be read into any other file as necessary.

4) This method can be used to move text within a file also by using the CONTROL-KV (^KV) "move" or CONTROL-KC (^KC) "copy" command.

The best way to learn these functions is to try them on copies of existing files. Back up a data disk and experiment.

**Q.** One of the drawbacks of WordStar for my work is the limited ability to send control codes to the printer. The control codes I use frequently are as follows: subscript, superscript, italics, double spacing, emphasized print, elite type, near-letter quality (on the Panasonic 1091) and paper end detect. Is there any

**A.** The functions you require can be made available by using the WordStar Install program. Subscript, superscript, italics, double space, emphasized print, elite print, and near-letter quality print can function for your Panasonic KX-P1091 printer. First install WordStar as an Epson printer from the install menu, then continue to the custom install menu and make the following changes as necessary. All of these functions can be changed to whatever you like — WordStar does not care what you are sending to the printer from a given control sequence.

## Desired Function

Insert 1091 Code  
Insert 1091 Code  
Insert Italic Code  
Insert Emphasized ON  
Insert Emphasized OFF  
Insert Elite Code ON/OFF  
Insert N.L.Q. Print Code  
Insert Paper End Code

## Patch Location

SuperScript ^PV  
SubScript ^PT  
Ribbon Select ^PY for on/off  
Phantom Space ^PF  
Phantom Rubout ^PG  
Character Pitch ^PA and ^PN  
User Definable ^PQ and ^PW  
User Definable ^PE and ^PR

Line spacing should be set before the text is generated. If line spacing is set with ^OS after text generation, you will have to reformat all of the text and the only part that is reformed will be the paragraphs with wrap-around lines, not lines terminated with a carriage return.

**Q.** I use WordStar exclusively and think it's great. However, I am also using a Juki 6100 printer. I set up the printer as for the Diablo. Everything works great until I want to print documents several pages long. I must either wait about two minutes between pages (individual feed), or the second (or maybe third or fourth) page doesn't print. Instead, I get a blinking light on the printer control panel indicating communications error. The page in question begins to print, but stays in the upper left corner, constantly overstriking. Even if I wait several minutes between pages, I still have the problem. I must shut the computer down, reboot the system and restart printing at the appropriate page. No real problem for one- or two-

**Q.** I have made several unsuccessful attempts to install WordStar with the reduced-size subscripts and superscripts the Star Gemini-10X printer is capable of producing. The change from normal print mode to super/subscript is accomplished using codes 1Bh 53h 00h and 1Bh 53h 01h respectively. These values were installed in 'P' (carriage roll). The cancel code, 1Bh 54h, installed in the vertical movement section of Install does not operate; the printer continues to produce half-height characters.

Can the superscript, subscript and cancel commands be programmed onto the P.F. keys?

Richard L. Pierr  
Christchurch, New Zealand

**A.** You seem to be using the correct codes to toggle the printer from super/subscript to standard print. If you cannot get the Star Gemini-10X printer to return from super/subscript with the codes shown in the manual, you could use the printer reset code, which is ESCAPE 40 Hex or 1B 40 Hex. This causes a reset the same as if you just turned on the printer.



The only problem is if you also have another function setup, such as italics, it will be lost.

There are a large number of user-definable functions in *WordStar* and I suggest you use them rather than the programmable function keys.

**Q.** How can I install *WordStar* for a Comrex CR-1 Comwriter printer? I just bought a Chaucer Software proportional spacing program for *WordStar* and can't get it to run properly.

James R. Leong  
Los Angeles, CA

**A.** The Comrex CR-1 Comwriter printer emulates the Diablo 1610 printer. If you install *WordStar* for this printer you should not have any problems, and the proportional spacing software should work correctly.

**Q.** I'm having a problem with *WordStar* on the MBC-555. I deal with files of large size produced by DataStar. The files are so large the disk fills up before the \*.BAK is complete.

Is there a patch to force *WordStar* to

make its automatic backup on the other (non-default) disk? If not, can *WordStar* be forced to not make a backup?

Robert H. Geeslin, Ed.D.  
Tulsa, OK

**A.** The easiest way to keep *WordStar* from making the \*.BAK file is as follows:

Load the file in the normal way, do whatever editing must be done, then rather than saving the file or exiting by ^KD, do a complete block write of the file onto itself. This is done by marking the beginning of the text with ^KB, the end of the text with ^KK, then doing a ^KW to write a block of text to disk. You will be asked for the filename to write; use the same name as the file you loaded and you can write over it, not creating a backup.

The real flaw with this method is if the computer ever screws up you stand a chance of losing the entire text file. The safest thing to do is work with a backup copy until you know it is correct, then transfer the backup to its desired location.

**Q.** I purchased a letter-quality printer made in Japan. The model is Admate DSY-120. Could you please inform me as to what American brand letter-quality printer this printer is compatible with?

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currently have the "Install" on WordStar set to Qume.

Michael J. Mohtiak  
APO  
New York, NY

**A.** I have never heard of an Admate DSY-120 printer. But since you have purchased it out of the country, this is not surprising.

It seems from all the references in the manual that the printer is Qume compatible. The best test is to install it and run the WordStar test file and see what happens. You say you have the software installed for the Qume — how does it work? If the output looks like you want it, it must be installed correctly.

**Q.** I use a copy of EasyWriter II with an Okidata Microline 92 printer. If I had access to a Sanyo MBC 555-2 system hooked up with a daisy wheel, could I use a copy of EasyWriter II with the daisy wheel installation to run off a copy of a document originally created on EasyWriter II with Okidata installation?

Recently, I decided to give WordStar a test run to compare it with EasyWriter II and discovered it goes crazy when asked to print out a copy of a document. I guess

my printer is incorrectly installed. I know very little about printer installation and am having real problems getting my system configured properly.

Catherine K. Devitt  
Montpelier, VT

**A.** It does not make any difference from what printer the document is printed. You can print the same letter on a daisy wheel or dot-matrix printer and the results should be the same as long as you do not use special codes for the daisy wheel printer that cannot be performed by the dot matrix printer.

If you install WordStar for the "standard printer" from the install menu, your letters will print. This is provided that the text has been saved in the ASCII format expected by WordStar and you do not use control codes WordStar cannot process.

**Q.** In another magazine I read a letter saying the fastest way to print a WordStar file was to execute the following command structure: Ctrl-KD, P, Ctrl-R, Esc. I tried it and it worked. The only problem is that when I finish editing my next file and call for a print using this method, I end up printing my first file all over again instead of the one I have just edited. It seems my original file continues

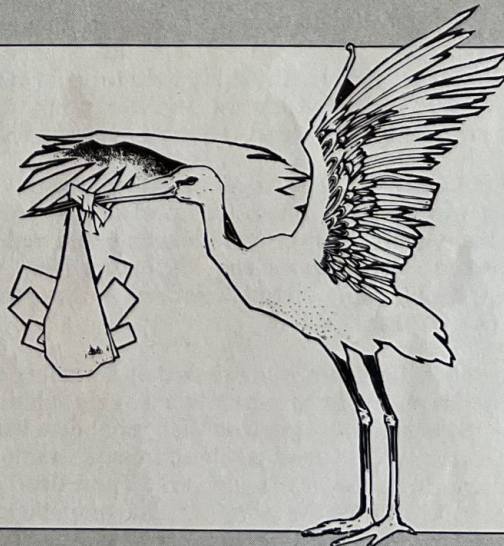
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to print unless I rename the file at the NAME OF FILE to PRINT prompt. Is there any way of getting around this seemingly unnecessary step in order to streamline the print function while in the edit mode?

Robert C. Bliss  
Lawrenceville, GA

**A.** You are correct; any use of ^KR returns the last name, not the current one or the one you expect. This function is a little spooky and unpredictable until it is used every day. When you get the hang of it you will only foul up once in a while. I have asked MicroPro about this feature and they (the actual program caretaker) say it works just the way it's intended. It does have its uses as I use it all of the time in my work.

**Q.** When running MailMerge — particularly in the application of legal precedents — how can I protect an indent? As an example, when a variable is entered onto the left margin, the printed information is automatically wrapped to the left margin. When the variable &name& is entered, the result is printed on the left margin.

Kay Nielsen  
Hamilton, New Zealand

**A.** There is no way I know of to protect the indent as you require. The only option is to reduce the space of the indent so you can insert longer names.

**Q.** In my 550/555 I have a DataStar file named ANSUM in Drive B: and the DataStar operating program in Drive A: In the B: directory, ANSUM has BAK, DEF, DTA and NDX files shown. The problem is I can no longer invoke this file. With the DataStar operating disk in Drive A: and the destination disk, containing ANSUM, in Drive B:, DataStar is entered in A: At the cursor prompt for filename, B:ANSUM is entered. The response is ??? No key field has been established. Use ^K to assign key status. Going through the similar invoking procedure for FormGen for this file, the response is "no such file exists." Is there any way I can call up this file form in FormGen in order to reestablish the key field?

Rhett McMillian  
New Smyrna Beach, FL

**A.** When the screen is displaying the response ??? No key field has been

established. Use ^K to assign key status, you are in FormGen. DataStar has automatically transferred to FormGen because of a problem with your definition file. The rest of the prompt asks for an exit command and lists the FormGen exit alternatives. If you choose SPACE= continue without saving form, you will see the ANSUM form displayed on the screen and you will be able to check the status of the key field and reestablish it.

I don't understand a response that "no such file exists" when you try to invoke your ANSUM file with FormGen. If a file is named that has not yet been created when invoking FormGen, it opens a new file by whatever name you have typed and displays Help Screen #1. Then, if you type ^J, it displays an empty drawing screen. I would be interested to know exactly what you typed to invoke FormGen and the exact screen responses.

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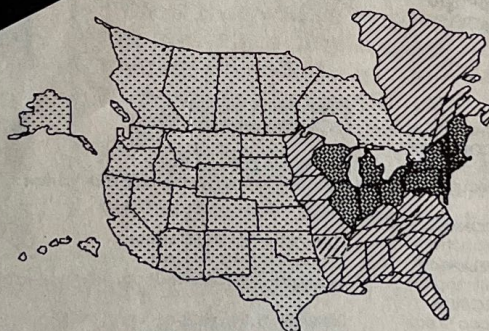
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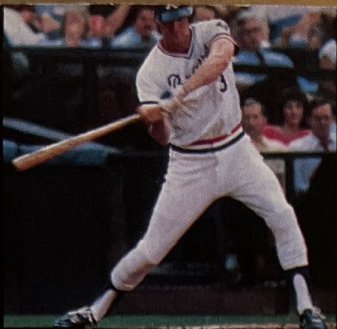


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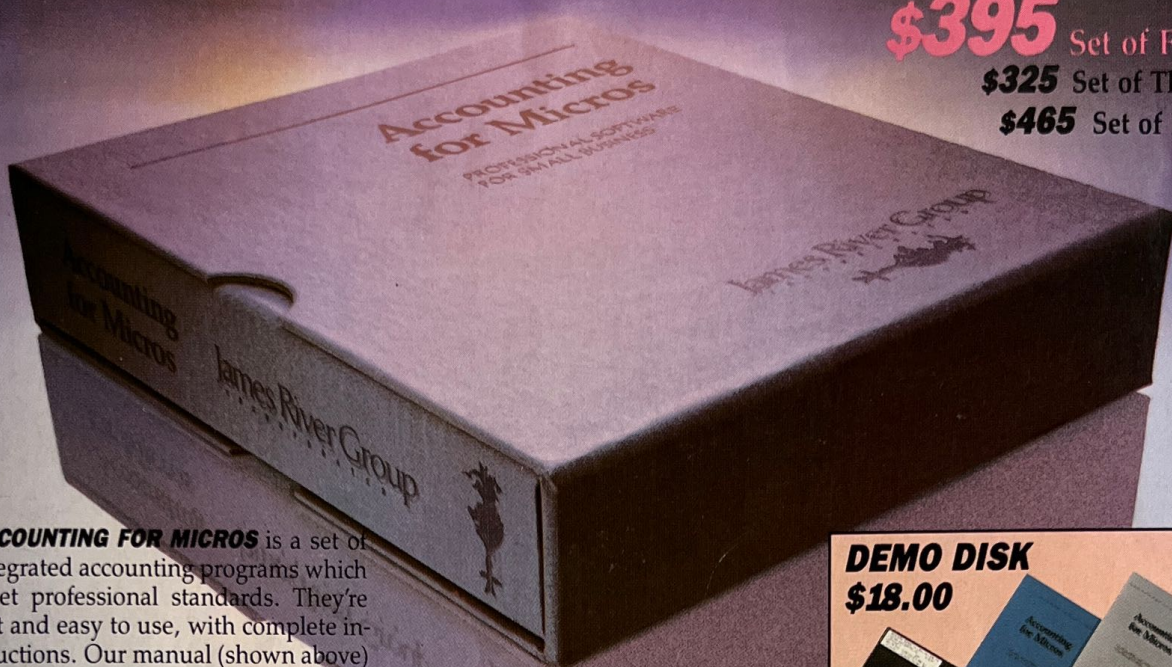
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